

## Rotaract Club Rush at Utah Valley University

On January 14-15, 2020 Rotaract, along with 50 other clubs, participated in the Utah Valley University's (UVU) Club Rush. For us, this event was meant to gauge interest, and recruit new members. Many members of Rotaract showed up to help us do this event including myself (UVU's Rotaract Club Secretary), Kyle Warren (UVU's Rotaract Club President), Yana AndersEn (UVU's Rotaract Club Vice President), Jose Coreas, and Hazim Alshanbari.

During this event, Rotaract members spoke with students about the purpose of Rotary International (to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world), as well as promote Rotary International's 6 areas of focus; basic education and literacy, maternal and child health, peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, and economic and community development.



**(From left to right) Yana AndersEn, Hazim Alshanbari, Albeny Singh**

We talked with students about how we, Rotaract, have helped make a difference and can continue helping to promote Rotary International's goals. Rotaract students highlighted our contributions to the World Polio Day event that we hosted in 2019 as well as International Mountain Day event we helped put together last year with Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at UVU.

Rotaract teamed up with UIMF to promote other clubs under the umbrella of UIMF as well as our own. We talked with students about UIMF's contribution to the UN's sustainable mountain development and advocacy for women and children in mountain communities. Another big topic of discussion was the Rotaract 2020 Pan-American conference in Puerto Peñasco, Mexico from Monday, April 20th to Friday, Apr 24th. We got to discuss how, at these events, we build peace, exchange information, enhance fellowship, build networks, and work together to strengthen our service efforts.



**(From left to right) Kyle Warren, Albeny Singh**

Club Rush was an awesome opportunity to advocate for the issues that are important to Rotaract. Rotaract was able to gain new members that were interested in our mission, expand our network and raise funds. We were able to connect with the community and help them realize the importance of Rotaract, even if they were not interested in joining our club. Overall, Club Rush was a success.

***Albeny Singh, Rotaract Club Secretary, Utah Valley University***