

## CSW 67 Preparatory Day

On March 6th - 8th, Utah Valley University (UVU) Rotaractors traveled to the United Nations 67th Commission on the Status of Women to present in a parallel event. Rotaract is a student club that works with Rotary International to provide students service opportunities in their community. Rotaract provides opportunities for students like me to be involved in different activities through a Student Engaged Learning (SEL) model. SEL places focus on providing students hands-on experience in their field of study, and makes my education feel more practical since I can see how I may apply it after graduating.



**Student Delegation after receiving UN grounds passes**

Today when we went to get our UN grounds passes. I was enchanted by the process and the sheer amount of people that were coming to get their passes. Some of us spoke with a woman from Kansas who acts as a pro-voting advocate since voting in Kansas is fairly difficult. She expressed interest in our side event about the Student Engaged Learning model and expressed interest in attending our CSW parallel event. The group expressed fairly impressive coordination and after obtaining our UN grounds passes, we all arrived in Harlem via subway without many problems.

This trip represents the power of group planning and collaboration. Our coordination brought us this far and I am impressed by our ability to keep such a large group so organized. The way students have engaged with each other has led us to the opportunity of a lifetime.

Personally, I wish to gain even more experiences and appreciation for the SEL model throughout the remainder of this trip. I would like to make more connections, learn from new people, and spread a message of goodwill and inspiration to the people I meet on this excursion. We plan to meet the president of the General Assembly. I am in high anticipation of this event because I believe I may learn a lot from him. I've been focusing on global politics and hearing firsthand the perspective of a man like the president of the General Assembly would be a formative experience that I remember for the rest of my life.

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