

## My Preparations as Utah Valley University Rotaractor for Activities at CSW67



***UVU Rotaractors on the way to the Airbnb***

On March 6th - 8th, Utah Valley University (UVU) Rotaractors traveled to the United Nations to participate at the 67th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67) to present in a parallel event. Rotaract is a student club that works with Rotary International to provide students service opportunities in their community. As a student club 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. UVU Rotaract is a member of the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at UVU which advocates for sustainable mountain development in the State of Utah and

globally. So far, the trip has been eventful but good. Initially we took the train up to Salt Lake and didn't have any problems making it up there. We then had our flight from Utah to New York that got delayed; so we did not leave Los Angeles until 3 am. But I'm excited for the rest of the week. We spent the day today getting our passes and learning the subways in New York. I'm quite exhausted but in a good way. This trip has taken a lot of effort but I'm confident it will be worth the headache.



### ***UVU Rotaractors are in New York***

My goals for this week are pretty simple, I just don't want to mess up my speech tomorrow. Also, I hope to be able to make some good connections with various delegates, but that may be a long shot. This will be a good resume building opportunity, so it would be a bonus if I could make some connections outside of the group who we traveled with. I'm not sure what other goals may develop during the week, but I think that I may have a few more goals as the week goes on and I have a better idea of what to expect from the United Nations.

As well, I have the hope that this opportunity will positively benefit my future career prospects. I hope to work for the United Nations at some point with their humanitarian efforts in war zones across the world, and I believe that this event will be a good opportunity to be exposed to how exactly they help some of these underprivileged people. I also want to expand my knowledge of other countries political systems, since I have a good understanding of how American and some Asian countries politics work, I want to expand that knowledge to countries I may not have a chance to learn about in another context.

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