

My preparations for the 63rd session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York City.

The Commission on the Status of Women is an event designed to help advance the rights, education, and equality of women throughout the world. This event is held in New York City at the United Nations' compound. This year a handful of students involved in the Utah International Mountain Form from Utah Valley University, including me, were sponsored by the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences an non-governmental organization in consultative status under the United Nations Economic and Social Council, to go to this event and give brief individual speeches on the themes “Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, and challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls.”



Left to Right: Stephan Atkinson, Joshua Kooymen, Hendrix Bailey, and Handen Torsak traveling to the Salt Lake City Airport.

On March 5, 2023, though we were somewhat strained by the traveling and the unexpected delays at the Los Angeles airport, we eventually made it to New York City safely and with minimal schedule adjustments.



UVU Rotaractors near the UN office to get official badges

As a group we obtained our United Nations ID cards, and I was able to have a conversation with a gentleman from Kentucky who will be recording events on behalf of the Presbyterian Church. Now, my primary goal is to professionally deliver my remarks tomorrow during the parallel event at the 67th session of the Commission on the Status of Women. My secondary goals are to learn

about the application of the theories of international relations as well as potentially meet one of the representatives from the Slovak Republic or Czech Republic.

Handen Torsak, Utah Valley University Rotaractor