

## **Traveling to New York to Participate at the United Nations Activities**

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. 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. Joshua Kooyman 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.



*Members of travel group 3 utilizing the train to travel to the Salt Lake City Airport*

*New York City as seen from Group 3s flight.*

Traveling to New York City to participate in CSW67 was an endeavor. As a group we followed a strict flight schedule and adapted to scheduling issues posed by technical problems. Despite these challenges, we safely arrived in New York City and obtained our UN grounds passes that we will later use to enter UN grounds to participate in the event.



*Joshua Kooyman traveling to the UN to receive his entry badge for CSW 67*

Participating in CSW 67 provides me as a student with many practicable opportunities. To best utilize these opportunities, I have created three major goals to guide my experience. These goals include successfully giving my speech at CSW67, successfully network with participants at the event, and deepen my understanding of multilateral diplomacy.



*New York City from the Airplane*

I plan on accomplishing these goals by giving my speech, conversing with people that I meet at the various events I will attend, and carefully observing the event. I am excited to learn at CSW67 and represent UVU via UIMF.

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