

## Day 0 Activities for the 67th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67)

On March 5, 2023, In-person preparations began for Parallel and Side Events taking place in the following days at the United Nations

Preparation for CSW67 began months in advance as Rotaract and UIMF club presidents, Tristin Juarez-Smith and Alitha Thompson, worked on grants for funding, organized flight information, booked lodging, and did an in-depth analysis on parallel and side event organizational details. With the amount of preparation leading up to our arrival day in New York, our main objectives for Day 0 were to acquire United Nations Ground Passes, review formatting for the parallel event, and check into lodgings in a timely manner to ensure enough rest for a proper presentation.



***Rotaract Delegation Navigating through New York City in Preparation for CSW67***

My role for the travel day was to coordinate with a section of the delegation and help them get to New York City. Flight coordination and check-ups went smoothly and we arrived at the airport with minimal delay. On arrival, we arranged suitcases in a holding room before checking into our housing assignments. While near the United Nations complex, we went and stood in line for two hours in order to acquire a ground pass. Paperwork in weeks prior to our flight had enabled us to be eligible to receive ground passes to be on the United Nations grounds.



***A Section of the Rotaract Delegation waiting in line to acquire United Nations Ground Passes***

Our in-person delegation consisted of 18 students. Coordinating our efforts were key to successful transition and preparation periods throughout the day. Having printed copies of documents required for procuring UN ground passes led to greater efficiency while at the United Nations Office. Each delegate worked hard to help with specific tasks as we concluded the day. Some members helped get luggage to our temporary apartments. I was on a team of delegates that was assigned to food preparation for dinner that night and a light breakfast before our early departure in the morning. Previous preparation had enabled only a brief team meeting at the end of the night to review what was needed for the parallel event.

***Rachel Welker, UVU Rotaractor***