

My Day 0 at CSW67 and Travel to New York City

On Saturday, March 5th at 11:40 PM I left SLC and flew for three hours to New York City, New York to attend the 67th Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations Headquarters in midtown Manhattan. Upon arrival, I had to wait an hour for my luggage before joining the rest of the arrived UVU students in the waiting room. We waited for the third group to land before taking an airplane to The Pod hotel to store our luggage.



UVU students arrive in NYC

Today in NYC we ate breakfast at a small diner near the hotel we stored our luggage. After breakfast, we had to wait for the rest of our group to arrive before getting our UN grounds passes. While in line we talked to the woman in front of us and invited her, a representative of an NGO in Kansas, to join our parallel event. Alitha, Camilla, and Tristin helped guide us to our destinations because they arrived early and mapped

the routes on the subway systems and streets. The line took approximately an hour and thirty minutes to get through, but I was grateful we were able to get our passes without any issues. We then walked to our accommodations.



UVU students taking their luggage to our accommodations

This morning at the JFK airport, I volunteered to wait for our third group to arrive so we could minimize the number of Ubers we had to pay for into Manhattan. While I waited, I was able to complete homework for my other classes. When traveling to our accommodation I did my best to make sure the entire group was staying together and

knew what was going on by relaying information down the line. Once we arrived, the key for the door wasn't working so I took charge and worked with the handle until it would open. I also shared snacks with the hungry group of college students while we waited for our pizza to be ready.



UVU students waiting in line for our UN grounds pass

I am excited to visit the UN building and attend our parallel event tomorrow. While we are on the trip I want to speak with women from other parts of the world. I

want this trip to be a time to connect with and support other women who are advocating for gender equality. I also want to be accommodating to our flexible schedule and help our leaders to the best of my ability. As a team leader, I want to make sure my team's voices are being heard and they are prepared for their speeches.

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