

UIMF Advocated for Mountain Women at CSW67 - Day 1

Delegation of Utah Valley University, hosted a parallel event titled, “Student Engaged Learning to Empower Mountain Women and Girls,” at the 67rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women on Tuesday, March 07, 2023



The Group photo at the United Nations

As I walked into the United Nations building on my second day at the Commissions on the Status of Women 67 (CSW67) event, I was filled with a sense of anticipation and excitement. Having studied about the UN and its various agencies in my international relations class, I was eager to see the workings of the organization firsthand. However, what struck me the most about my experience at the event was the way in which the student engaged learning model played a crucial role in my understanding of the issues being discussed.



A needed coffee break in the basement of the United Nations

Throughout the day, I attended various panels and sessions on topics such as gender-based violence, women's economic empowerment, and girls' education. What made these sessions particularly interesting was the way in which the speakers and moderators engaged the audience in a dialogue rather than simply delivering lectures. There was a sense of collaboration and shared learning that permeated each discussion, with participants from different backgrounds and fields bringing their unique perspectives and experiences to the table.



Presenting the Pin to the Permanent Representative of the Kyrgyz Republic to the UN, Ambassador Aida Kasymalieva

As a student, I was particularly struck by the opportunities for active engagement and participation that were presented to us. We were encouraged to ask questions, share our own experiences, and offer our insights on the issues being discussed. This allowed us to not only learn from the experts in the room, but also to contribute to the conversation in a meaningful way.



Practicing my CSW speech

Moreover, the student engaged learning model extended beyond the formal sessions and into the various networking events and informal discussions that took place throughout the day. I had the opportunity to connect with other students, activists, and professionals from around the world who shared my passion for gender equality and women's empowerment. These conversations helped to deepen my understanding of the issues being discussed and provided me with valuable insights into the various strategies and approaches being used to tackle these challenges.



Giving my CSW 67 speech

Overall, my experience at CSW67 has been a powerful reminder of the importance of student engaged learning in promoting meaningful and effective learning. By creating opportunities for active engagement and collaboration, this model allows students to not only gain knowledge and skills, but also to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the complex issues that affect our world. As I continue to reflect on my experience at the event, I am grateful for the opportunities it provided me to learn, grow, and connect with others who share my commitment to building a more just and equitable world.

- ***Stephan Atkinson: Foreign Affairs President***