

My Contribution to the Roundtable Discussion with the President of the United Nations General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Csaba Korosi at UVU

The round table discussion between the President of the United Nations General Assembly, H.E. Csaba Kőrösi and Utah Valley University (UVU) students such as myself symbolized the essence of student-engaged learning. This open dialogue provided a platform for us to share our perspectives, concerns, and aspirations. By engaging directly with a global leader, we gained confidence in expressing their ideas, realizing the impact we can have on shaping international policies and fostering positive change.



Round Table of UVU students and faculty with H.E. Mr. Csaba Korosi

This round table was a great experience to engage in the field all of us have spent so much time studying. The event started with the current Utah International Mountain Forum

(UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at UVU president Alitha Thompson introducing everyone and expressing our gratitude for the President Korosi's time. She was followed by UIMF members such as Tristin Smith and McKay Brooks as well as other UVU faculty and students.

When it was my time to speak, I expanded on my statement presented during the parallel event at the 67th session of the Commission on the Status of Women that investigated the benefits of providing women in remote mountain regions of Ukraine with better mental health care services. I told the president about my research into the topic, and ways that the United Nations and NGOs could alleviate the mental health crisis after the War with Russia.



Hendrix Bailey with H.E. Mr. Csaba Korosi

The President told me that he agreed with my assessment of the situation regarding mental health in Ukraine. He then gave me some additional information about the current situation in the Carpathian Mountain ranges, and how the Ukrainian mountain villages have had a hard time with bringing in so many refugees who are culturally different from themselves, and the strain of the war has been difficult for everyone there. It was a great experience to be able to present my research to someone as important as the President of the General Assembly, and to hear his feedback on that research as well. This event has shown the benefits of the student engaged learning model, and this model has given me opportunities such as this one to further develop my academic and professional knowledge.

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