

William Gum



His name is Dirk William Gum, but he goes by his middle name Will. William was raised by his single father in Washington State. He graduated High School with a General Learning Disability. Since William have joined Utah Valley University, he has improved his education substantially, challenging his peer's perspectives and engaging in complex debates on government structures and policies.

Political Science is his major, with an emphasis in Policy and Administration. His interest is American political government structure, comparative government structures, diplomacy, political media, and nonprofit organizations.

William first became involved with UIMF during the event titled "UIMF AND UN NGOS DISCUSS HOW TO ADVOCATE FOR MOUNTAIN WOMEN GLOBALLY." He became interested in why advocating for women who live in mountain regions was important. Later, he learned about Indigenous Americans who live in Utah and even got to contribute by facilitating "Addressing Indigenous Sovereign Nations" panel during the fall 2018 semester.

Many sovereign indigenous nations face the same sustainability issues other mountain regions struggle with. Indigenous women from sovereign tribes in America face extremely difficult problems that are separate than other women in America. Bringing attention to issues facing indigenous people is fulfilling because it is important to recognize international relations and obligations the US has committed itself to.

For more information to learn more about Williams contribution to the cause, please see at: "William Gum: Why it is important to advocate mountain women and their cause globally". <http://utahimf.org/archives/2937>