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As Richard Jordan took to the podium he began with reflecting upon his experience and time at the United Nations with a correlation to the Memoir: Five-Thousand Nights at the Opera. He explained that his next venture in a jokingly manner would be embarking on 10,000 days at the United Nations. Engaged learning is what Jordan is all about, as he is passionate about the

fact that Utah Valley University is a university of connections. Jordan embraces the art of history as he feels strongly about the connection of different nations to Utah Valley's personal Roots of Knowledge. He explains that Roots of Knowledge consumes his essence through its connection of history, people and culture, it symbolizes more than human drama, it describes what is known as the "neurosphere" as it outlines the beginning of the Earth and takes the viewer through a wonderful depiction. Jordan connects the roots of knowledge to his extensive learning experience through presentations of women, our climate, and what our world is really coming face to face with. "The complex organism" of the United Nations is one that Jordan knows the ins and outs of as he has taken his career at the U.N. to truly connect with it and understand the true meaning of being a part of such an impactful organization.

Richard Jordan allowed us to connect to the U.N. Charter and outlining Article 71 and its true importance as it allows for the ability to consult with member states and other parts of the U.N. system. He connects with directly with the clever ways that one can get inclusive here at Utah Valley University, such as by defining what the Sustainable Goals and their expiration really mean not only to the U.N. but to our University. In order to create a truly great transformative agenda that will satisfy the needs of our nation, we must bring in the women and girls in science who are going to revolutionize the sustainable goals as they come to expire. Particularly close to my heart, he discusses how we must change the system now, the pay system particularly because if we do not, it will remain a harmful institution of pay parity for at least 85 years to come. As a New York Native, I immediately connected with Mr. Jordan's initiatives and goals for our future and our human stability, as he remarked that human security is more than simply defense and strength, it is all about providing equal work for equal pay. This dynamic

platform served for the 25th Anniversary of the United Nations. As a Multicultural student as well, hearing Jordan's mission to accomplish groundbreaking United Nations initiatives with students and to use our faith traditions in the most creative ways to bring out change connects personally with a large population here at the University.

Jordan has taken the time to understand the true catalyzing power that Utah Valley University has the raise the bar in the United States through multiculturalism and cultural engagement. His approaches to respond accurately to the needs of our society are several but the best response in Jordan's eye is to host a retreat with a small group of U.N. staff and ambassadors with the Executive Board, and really connect to a vision that will transform the future and shift work to the betterment of not only women but for our new generations to come. He also touched on the United Nations Conference coming to Salt Lake City as he expresses his remarks in the awe that he has felt upon arriving at UVU as he describes the strong community that our university has built and the importance it brings to creating true reforms. Working under Joel Frost was an absolute pleasure, as he delegated tasks appropriately and allowed us students to really connect with Representative Jordan. Richard Jordan will be marked in Utah Valley University history as a true trailblazer for his call to change, and elevation to not only our platform but our students and their commitment to true excellence.