

UIMF Hosts Mr. Richard Jordan for Lunch on April 9th



On April 9th, 2019, members of the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of clubs at Utah Valley University (UVU), hosted Mr. Richard Jordan for a luncheon. This luncheon was just one segment of Mr. Jordan's trip to Utah, which spanned the course of multiple days and covered a variety of topics. This lunch was an excellent time for me to show Mr. Jordan some of our best students in UIMF while also providing him an opportunity to have a slightly informal lunch.

For me, this was a great opportunity to follow up on previous conversations I had with Mr. Jordan. Over the summer, I met Mr. Jordan at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, where he provided us insight into getting published in the Congressional Record.

After Taking his advice, Congressmen John Curtis (UT-03) and Ben McAdams (UT-04) have both highlighted UIMF and their advocacy activities in the Congressional Record. Mr. Jordan was excited to hear we had such success with it.



Adding to that, I was able to get Mr. Jordan's impressions of UVU. One of his most striking comments about the university is that it felt very inspired and full of students who have a genuine desire to learn. I really liked this comment because through personal experiences I agree with him. As the president of UIMF, I have had the opportunity to work with students from a variety of different backgrounds to help them achieve their personal and professional goals. It was nice to have a visitor to our campus express the same feelings.

Mr. Jordan also gave some valuable insight into how UN Civil Society Conferences are run. Mr. Jordan was a chairman of one of the conferences, so he understood how to organize, plan, and execute the conference. As a member of the steering committee for the conference, I found all the advice he had very useful. One of the most important insights he shared with me was to plan early in advance so there was more time to correct things and relax as the conference draws closer. Mr. Jordan said that implementing this strategy made his conference planning very low-stress and enjoyable.

Overall, the luncheon was a success. All the students and faculty who attended the lunch were able to talk to Mr. Jordan about a variety of things and were able to interact with each other again. Seeing Mr. Jordan was such a delight, and I am very happy that UIMF had the opportunity to host him in Utah.

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