

Congressman Ben McAdams Recognizes Efforts of UIMF to Advocate Mountain Women at CSW63



Congressman Ben McAdams presents a copy of the Congressional Record to UUV students; (L to R) Abulrahman Alghanmi, Megan Davis, Ezra Pugliano, Michael Hinatsu, congressman McAdams, Hannah Bieker, Samuel Elzinga, Viktoriia Bahrii, and William Gum-Causey

A little over a month ago, the 13-member student delegation from Utah Valley University (UVU) representing the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at UVU, The Russian Academy of Natural Science (R.A.N.S.), UVU, and the state of Utah, traveled to New York City to attend the United Nation's 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63). During CSW63, the Utah student delegates, both traditional and non-traditional, had the opportunity to host a parallel event. Through the successful implementation of the Student Engaged Learning Model at UVU, each student was given the opportunity to plan, research, and speak on a topic during the

event by addressing issues facing mountain women and girls in Utah and around the globe and sustainable mountain development (SMD).

On Friday April 12th, 2019, Ben McAdams, a member of the U.S. House of Representative for Utah's 4th congressional district, recognized the efforts and achievements of these student delegates from UVU at CSW63 on the U.S. House of Representatives floor. In the Congressional Record he mentioned some of my colleagues, student speakers at CSW63 for their personal work and research. Representative McAdams mentioned Hannah Bieker, William Gum-Causey, Aldon Trimble and me. On Tuesday, April 23rd, Congressman McAdams visited UVU campus to meet with the students who attended the CSW63, recognize their efforts and present them with a copy of the Congressional Record. The students met with the Utah Representative and discussed what they had learned and experienced in New York at CSW63. They discussed their preparations for the event, advocacy campaign for mountain women and sustainable mountain development on such a high level political forum, and efforts to include the language about mountain women and girls around the world in the final document of CSW63.

This was very inspiring meeting with elected official at the U.S. Congress from the State of Utah and recognition of the success of the student engaged learning model at UVU.

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