

Utah International Mountain Forum Clubs Participate in UVU Club Rush



(R to L) Samuel Elzinga, Megan Davis, and Abdul Alghanmi at club rush

On January 14 and 15, 2020, the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF) a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University (UVU) participated in UVU's club rush. Club rush is an opportunity from student clubs from around campus to help recruit new club members. UIMF, being a coalition of clubs on campus, relies on club rush to help place interested students in a club that best fits their interests. UIMF has four clubs in our coalition currently: the Foreign Affairs Club, the Sustainable Mountain Development Club, the National Security Society, and Rotaract. Each club was represented at club rush, with the Foreign Affairs Club and Rotaract tabling together. UIMF was also present, but acted largely as a body to help point students in the right direction to get involved with different clubs.

Members from the coalition all came and helped table for every different club. Jon Downs, a member of the sustainable mountain development club, came and tabled for both the Foreign Affairs Club and Rotaract the first morning of Club Rush. Yana Anderson, a Rotaract member, also tabled for the Foreign Affairs Club. Mark Driggs, the president of the National Security Society, tabled for his own club, but provided additional support to UIMF, Foreign Affairs, and Rotaract's tables when needed. Hazim Alshanbari and Abdul Alghanmi, both members of Rotaract, participated in tabling for the Foreign Affairs Club and UIMF. Megan Davis, a club member of both Rotaract and the Foreign Affairs Club, additionally participated. Mizuki Olivarez, the Vice President of the Foreign Affairs Club, participated as well. In addition to highlighting each of our unique clubs, those who tabled were able to discuss the role UVU and UIMF has played in the sustainable mountain development agenda, while also explaining the role youth can play in the implementation of mountain targets.



Samuel Elzinga and Yana Anderson tabling at club rush

Overall, club rush was a success. We had over a dozen newly interested students who we will follow up with shortly to expand our constituent clubs, and additionally were able to secure additional funding from the UVU clubs department for our presence at club rush. Students are the most important asset to any on-campus organization, and our clubs are no exception. We are looking forward to club rush in the fall of 2020.

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