

Utah Valley University

GLOBAL REPORT



July 1, 2019
June 30, 2020



This year in a completely unprecedented way, the Office for Global Engagement has been able to respond to the needs of students, employees and our community as we faced an unexpected pandemic season. Without warning, we were able to modify in house and abroad operations resulting in travel and program cancellations and the need to become vigilant as COVID-19 unfolded across the globe.

Despite these challenges, we believe that international education is a critical component of becoming a successful, inclusive and competent individual in our community. We are in the field of expanding and connecting our global horizons. These experiences, transformative in nature, can easily lead us to furthering equality, fostering inclusiveness, and promoting peaceful societies. As an academic institution, it is our responsibility to promote the understanding of global perspectives, break down stereotypes, remove barriers of indifference, and celebrate diverse cultures.

As we approach this new normality in relation to global education, this pandemic offers an opportunity to reimagine international education and partnerships that span borders. COVID-19 has given us more scope than ever before for virtual collaboration. UVU's Office for Global Engagement is committed to supporting all students and employees to provide ways to bring the world to their hands. As we look ahead, we are confident that online learning and virtual exploration of different cultures and populations will result in having more individuals wanting an international experience than ever before.

During the 2019-2020 school year, Utah welcomed the United Nations for their annual Civil Society Conference. UVU played a significant role in bringing this event to fruition. As you browse the pages in this annual report, you will see a display of events and participants who unitedly collaborated in discussion and display to bring the world and the local community to a higher level of sustainability and inclusivity. We are grateful to those who took part and promoted this worldwide event.

I want to express my most sincere gratitude to the many entities on campus who support the initiatives offered by our office: The faculty who support our global events by encouraging their students to take the opportunity to learn from our dignitaries or international guests on campus. Those teachers who build and lead study abroad programs. The Registrar's Office who assist with all education abroad courses. The Scheduling Office who help us organize events. The Travel Office who make sure that finances are impeccable. Students, faculty and campus organizations who collaborated during the UN Civil Society Conference. President Tuminez who radiantly spoke during the UN Conference opening plenary sessions, and lastly our office staff, and everyone who considers Global Engagement part of their curriculum or those who simply love to travel, we thank you!

As we look ahead, we are committed to globally engaging our students with real-life learning experiences. As a well-known local author and business leader Stephen R. Covey stated "Live your life by a compass, not a clock."

With gratitude,

Baldomero Lago - Chief International Officer

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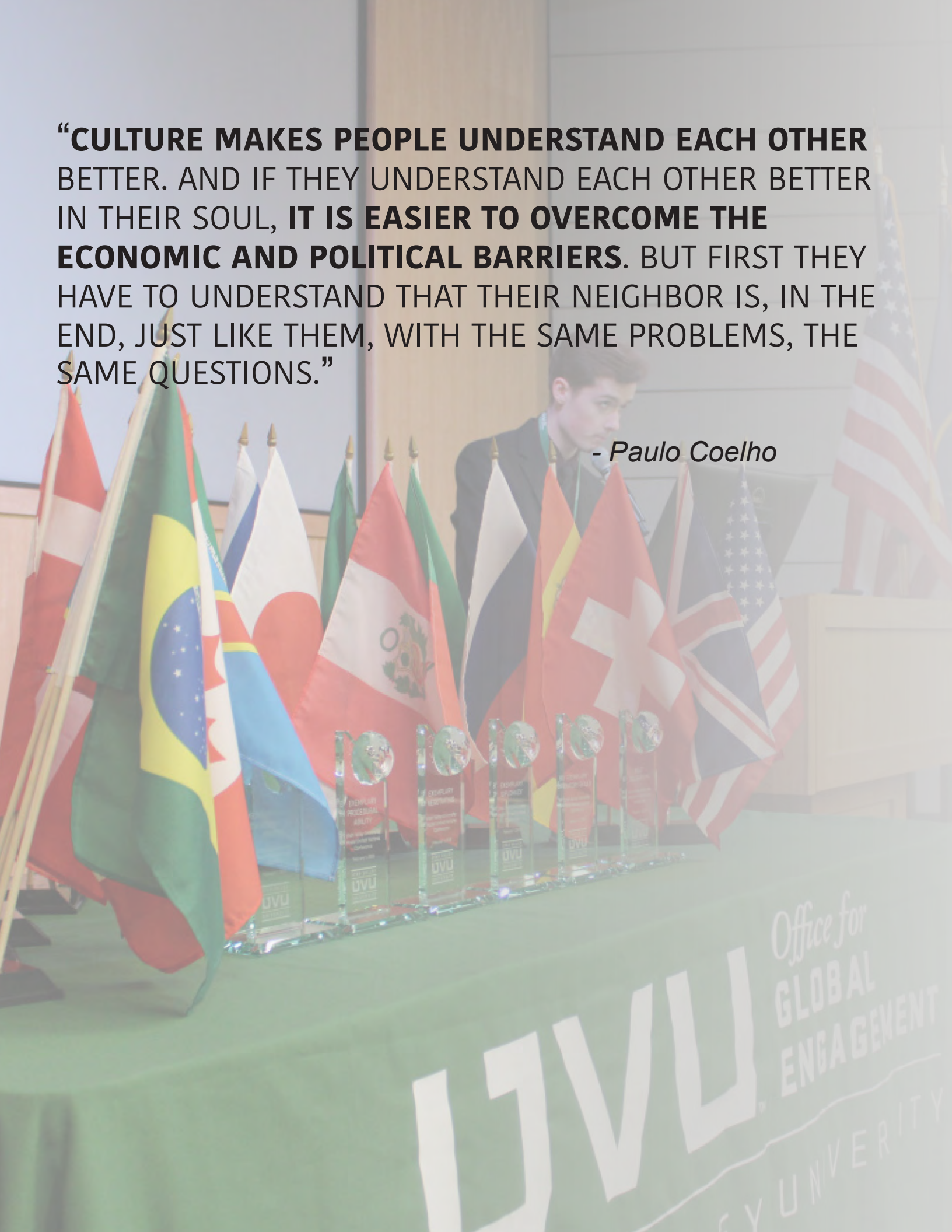


"The Office for Global Engagement plays a pivotal role at Utah Valley University (UVU) by providing logistic support for conducting international operations. They played an important role this year during the COVID-19 pandemic by using their expert knowledge to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and employees. The office also provided numerous opportunities for our students and faculty to bring the world to our campus. We are grateful to their staff for facilitating the 68th UN Civil Society Conference in Utah and congratulate them on their citation as a member of the United Nations Academic Impact. For years, UVU has welcomed foreign dignitaries to share their experiences with our campus community and many have participated in our annual diplomatic conference. UVU continues to be a leader in fostering competent and caring global leaders."

Wayne Vaught - Provost/Vice President - Academic Affairs

“CULTURE MAKES PEOPLE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER BETTER. AND IF THEY UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER BETTER IN THEIR SOUL, IT IS EASIER TO OVERCOME THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL BARRIERS. BUT FIRST THEY HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR NEIGHBOR IS, IN THE END, JUST LIKE THEM, WITH THE SAME PROBLEMS, THE SAME QUESTIONS.”

- Paulo Coelho



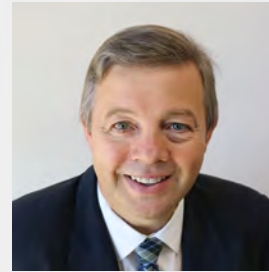
MEET THE STAFF

OFFICE FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

OUR MISSION:

To empower students to become competent and confident leaders and world citizens through creating opportunities for successful experiences in a globally interdependent community.

The Office for Global Engagement at Utah Valley University facilitates international academic and co-curricular engaged learning experiences through study abroad and exchange programs, internships, diplomacy, and intercultural events.



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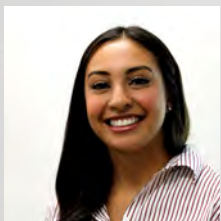
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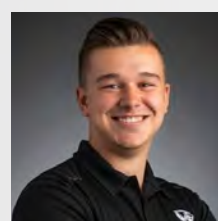
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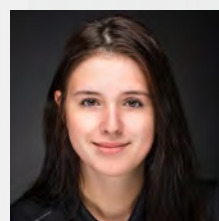
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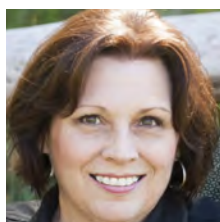
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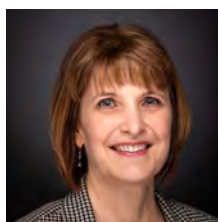


UVU GLOBAL ACADEMIC ADVISORY BOARD

The Global Academic Advisory Board provides guidance on the development and execution of all global academic initiatives and programs at Utah Valley University. The role of the advisory board is to counsel in the areas of faculty professional development, student recruitment for intercultural educational opportunities, and global engagement and enhancement of international perspectives at UVU. Each board member represents a specific school or college within the university, which encourages increased visibility and diversity in our international and multicultural programs and engaged experiences – both locally and abroad.



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Baldomero Lago - *Chief International Officer*

Brent Spencer - *Director - Global Education Abroad*

Veronica Caballero - *Coordinator - Global Administration*

UVU GLOBAL COMMUNITY

ADVISORY BOARD



The Global Community Advisory Board offers recommendations and direction for the UVU global and community agendas. They also cultivate a network of opportunities for local and business communities to interact with global leaders. In return, they work towards providing a venue for UVU students to interact with local entities who currently work in global markets.

The advisory board raises community support on current global initiatives and programs, including the annual UVU Diplomatic Conference on International Trade Relations, dignitary hosting, UVU Global Spotlight, and UN projects. The board also explores fundraising possibilities to provide scholarships to UVU students directed to global internships or programs.



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*Consul General of
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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Baldomero Lago - *Chief International Officer*

Amy Barnett - *Program Director - Global Events & Hosting*

Global Events and Dignitary Hosting

The Office for Global Engagement has been hosting international dignitaries for more than 20 years.

It is an honor to showcase our university to a variety of distinguished UN ambassadors, consuls general, heads of state, and representatives from international institutions. These targeted efforts have served to increase UVU's visibility in both the local and international communities. We remain focused on helping UVU students become globally competent graduates and members of society. We are committed to creating opportunities for engaged learning, cultural literacy and regional economic development through our hosting and global event efforts.



November 11, 2019

UVU continued to work with India while hosting Ambassador Sanjay Panda, Consul General of India in San Francisco. During his stay, Amb. Panda visited several community entities including government and humanitarian agencies.

August 27, 2019

Julie Kofoed, Senior Manager – Human Rights, UN Global Impact and Miles Hansen, President & CEO – World Trade Center Utah were guided through the 68th UN Civil Society Conference Exhibits with UVU students from Utah International Mountain Forum.





August 28, 2019

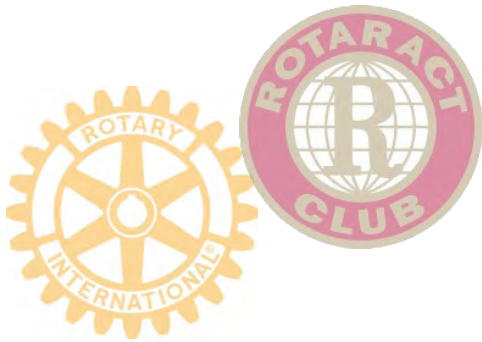
Mr. Kurmanbek Dyikanbaev, member of the Kyrgyz Parliament, relayed a message from the Kyrgyz President during the Workshop Session of the 68th UN Civil Society Conference in Salt Lake City. He was hosted by students from UVU's Utah International Mountain Forum and the Office for Global Engagement.



August 29, 2019

Guests from Du Montfort University in Leicester, England, attended an Incubator Meeting at UVU. Ms. Sunita Patel, Senior Public Engagement Officer – Strategic and International Partnerships and two of her students were joined by UVU administrators and faculty to discuss potential collaborations. Afterwards, our UVU guests took a quick drive up Provo Canyon to see Bridal Veil Falls.





October 23, 2019

Utah Valley University Roteract, in conjunction with Orem Rotary, Utah International Mountain Forum, and the Office for Global Engagement, hosted their annual World Polio Day event at UVU.

Orem Rotary and UVU Roteract



Utah-Morocco Diplomacy



March 10, 2020

The Office for Global Engagement, in partnership with National Security Studies, welcomed Keith Martin, Honorary Consul of Morocco in Utah and Major General Jeff Burton, U.S. Army, retired UVU. They gave an overview of Morocco and highlighted the State Partnership Program and its effectiveness in advancing US interests in security, sustainable development, and promotion of democratic values globally.



“STUDENTS and YOUTH are vital to continue the process of dialogue, advocacy, and impact. At UVU, there are students working every day to establish connections. We can make a real difference in the world — I’ve seen it.”



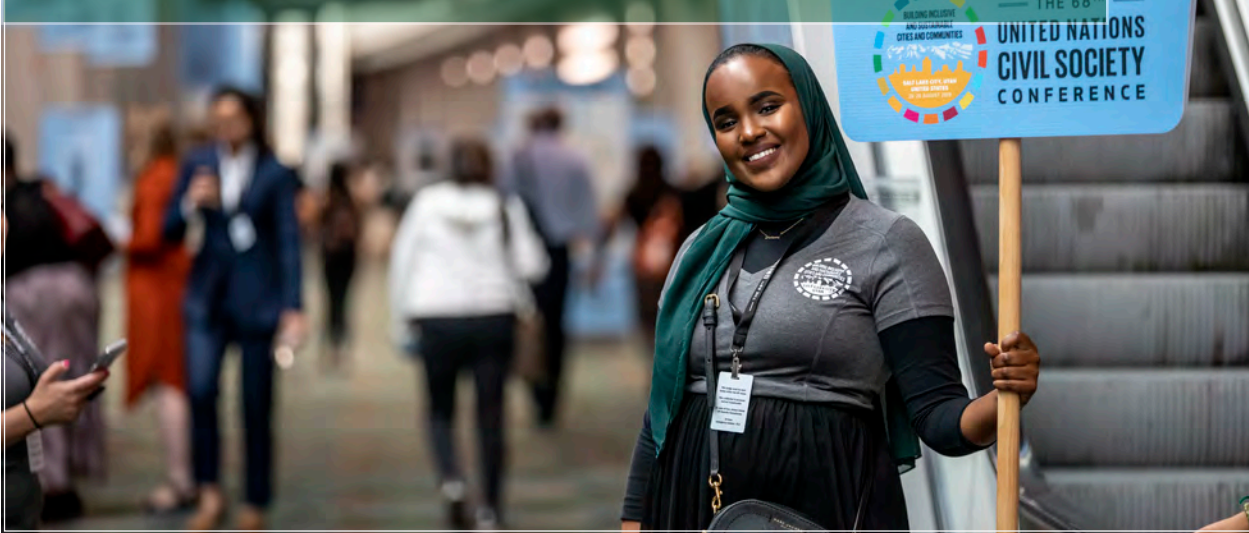
-William Gum, UVU student and UIMF workshop presenter
UVU Magazine (Fall 2019)



“WE are the FUTURE of the world. Therefore, we have the most to gain from participating in these discussions. Conversely, we have the most to lose if we shirk our responsibility to address these international issues.”

-Sam Elzinga, UVU student, UN Youth Subcommittee member, and UIMF workshop presenter
UVU Magazine (Fall 2019)

68th United Nations Civil Society CONFERENCE



For three days in August 2019, Salt Lake City welcomed **more than 5000 participants from 138 nations** to the 68th UN Civil Society Conference – the first time the conference has been held anywhere in the United States other than the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Due to UVU's affiliation with the United Nations Department of Global Communications and an exceptional collaboration between UVU and Salt Lake City Mayor Jackie Biskupski, this monumental gathering was able to come to Utah. The conference theme: “Building Inclusive and Sustainable Cities & Communities,” comes from the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #11. The focus is to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable by 2030.



Alison Smale


Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, United Nations

OPENING PLENARY




Native American Dancers

Exceptional Results



**68th United Nations
Civil Society Conference**



Dr. Astrid Tuminez
President, Utah Valley University

Monday, August 26, 2019
Salt Palace Convention Center
Salt Lake City, Utah

Opening Plenary
10AM | Exhibit Hall CD

Thematic Session
Moderator:
"Building Inclusive Communities
Through Education"
3PM | Exhibit Hall AB

***Must be registered for the conference to attend**
To learn more about the conference: uvu.edu/global/

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THEMATIC SESSION

"I'm proud of the students from UVU and other Utah schools who have worked with the U.N. to bring the conference to our region, helping to create an **OPPORTUNITY** for Utah's leaders, educators, and young people to collaborate with global NGOs and **BUILD A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE** for everyone."

-President Astrid Tuminez, UVU Magazine (Fall 2019)



During the conference, representatives from **150 non-governmental and civil society organizations** attended plenary, thematic and workshop sessions. UVU's President Astrid Tuminez presented at the Opening Plenary and moderated one of the five Thematic Sessions titled: Building Inclusive Communities Through Education. During the Closing Plenary Session, Baldomero Lago served as UVU's representative.

CLOSING PLENARY



"It's critical that **YOUTH** at a very early stage have a venue to **EXPRESS THEIR VOICES** and to bring a conversation to the table so the rest of us can actually listen and make some decisions based on their say. I think it is critical that we engage with them."

-Baldomero Lago, UVU Magazine (Fall 2019)



**68th United Nations
Civil Society Conference**



Dr. Baldomero Lago
Chief International Officer
Utah Valley University

Wednesday, August 28, 2019
Salt Palace Convention Center
Salt Lake City, Utah

Closing Plenary
3:00 PM | Exhibit Hall CD

***Must be registered for the conference to attend**
More information about the conference: uvu.edu/global/

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UVU WORKSHOPS

Monday, August 26

Enhancing Social Economy of NGOs through UVU's Social Impact Metrics Lab -

Dr. Jonathan Westover (Associate Professor UVU Organizational Leadership and Academic Director UVU Center for Social Impact)

Leaning into Religious Difference and Sharing Sensitive Stories & Shared Values and Equipping Interfaith Leaders -

Elexis Kain (Co-president UVU Interfaith Student Council), Logan Jones (UVU Interfaith Student Council Member) and Ellie Thompson (Coordinator UVU Reflection Center)

Peaceful Societies through Pro Bono Legal Work -

Jill Jaspersen (Associate Professor Legal Studies)

HIV: Stigma and Discrimination Challenges -

David Ssejinja (UVU Multicultural Student Services Advisor and Director of Ssejinja Children's Foundation) and Susan Merrill (Adjunct Professor UVU History Department)

Tuesday, August 27

Community/Academic Collaborations for Water Management and Climate Change -

Maria Blevins (Assistant Professor UVU Communications Department)

Understanding Gender Bias: From Awareness to Action! -

Susan Madsen (Founding Director Utah Women & Leadership Project and WSB Professor of Leadership & Ethics)

A Roadmap to Educating Women and Girls for Sustainable Communities -

Cheryl Hanewicz (AVP Engaged Learning), Susan Thackeray (Assistant Professor UVU Technology Management), Pamela Becker (Professor Eastern Michigan University)

Wednesday, August 28

Using Culturally Informed Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Tools to Empower Civil Societies in West Africa:

Lessons from Utah to the Countries of Mali and Niger -

Talatou Abdoulaye (UVU Ombuds, Coordinator Conflict Resolution) and Moussa Mara (Former Prime Minister of Mali)

Student Engaged Learning to Advocate for Mountain Women and Targets at UN ECOSOC Forums

Promoting Mountain Targets through Student Engaged Learning Since 2011

Implementation of Mountain Targets through Student Engaged Learning in North America and Globally -

(Combined 3 separate workshops into 1)

UIMF Students: Michael Hinatsu, Aldon Trimble, Hannah Bieker, William Gum Causey, Sam Elzinga, John McLure,

Tony Medina, and Jesler Molina - advisors: Baktybek Abdrisaev, Ross Butler, Kurmanbek Dyikanbeav, and Sara Ulloa

The Right to Belong: Empowering Youth by Developing Artistic Voices in Dance to Contribute to a Diverse Community -

Doris Hudson de Trujillo (UVU Dance Department Chair), Amy Markgraf Jacobson, Jorge Rojas, Ai Fujii Nelson, and Paul Kuttner





ENACTUS
Energize Congo



Executive Education
Stay Relevant: Lifelong Learning for a Resilient Community



Office for Global Engagement
UN Partnerships, Diplomacy and "Go Local to Global"



Over the course of the conference, **TEN** individual workshops were led by UUVU students, faculty and staff. Non-Governmental Organizations joined the more than **100** exhibitors in the Salt Palace Convention Center to promote the SDGs through their various projects. In the Exhibition Hall, **FIVE** different UUVU-led groups shared their experiences in promoting the 17 SDGs.



Utah International Mountain Forum
Promoting Mountain Targets through Student Engaged Learning



David Ssejinja Children's Foundation
(NGO led by UUVU staff)



**“INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS VITAL
TO KEEPING OUR GLOBE SAFE, COMMERCE
FLOWING, AND OUR PLANET HABITABLE.”**

- Angus Deaton

3rd Annual Utah Diplomatic Conference ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE RELATIONS



Back row: Jonathan Tichy (Hon. Consul General – Czech Rep., H.E. Hynek Kmonicek (Ambassador to US – Czech Rep.), Jose Borjon (Consul General – Mexico), Iain McKay (Hon. Consul General – New Zealand), Maurice Williamson (Consul General – New Zealand), Val Hale (Director, GOED), Dr. Saeed Moaveni (Dean T&C, UVU), Gerbert Kunst (Consul General – Netherlands), Skadi Tirpak (Sr. Economic Policy Officer – Netherlands)
Front row: Roland Denegri (Consul General – Peru), Attila Danku (Trade Commissioner – Hungary), Stephane Lessard (Consul General – Canada) Paul Campbell (Hon. Consul General – Canada), David Utrilla (Hon. Consul General – Peru), Mario Rodriguez Montero (Minister of Economic Affairs – Mexico), Midori Takeuchi (Consul General – Japan), Zsuzsa James (Trade Commissioner – Finland), Odette Hampton (Deputy Consul General – Australia), Spencer Cox (Lt. Governor – State of Utah), Dr. Astrid Tuminez (President, UVU), Collette Weston (Deputy Consul General – United Kingdom), Christina J. Hernandez (Reg. Dir. Office of Foreign Missions, US DOS), Franz Kolb (Director of International Diplomacy, GOED), Juan Carlos Sanchez (Consul General – Spain), Rajesh Naik (Deputy Consul General – India), Baldomero Lago (Chief International Officer, UVU)

“The **future** of our state depends on our
global partners and **global friends.**”
-Spencer Cox, Lieutenant Governor, State of Utah



“As the world changes, it is so **important for our students (to) understand how the world is opening up** to them, and it is because of people like you and what you do and what you bring to Utah that we will be able to educate our students better.”

-Dr. Astrid Tuminez, President, Utah Valley University

Diplomats from 13 nations joined with business leaders and university students on November 4, 2019, at the Third Annual Utah Diplomatic Conference on International Trade Relations. UVU President Dr. Astrid Tuminez and Lt. Governor Spencer Cox led the opening plenary session. Topics included foreign investment and free trade, innovation and technology, and sustainability.



Franz Kolb

*Director of Diplomacy and Protocol, State of Utah
and Honorary Consul of Austria*



Dr. Saeed Moaveni

*UVU Dean of the College of
Engineering & Technology*



Miles Hansen

President and CEO, World Trade Center Utah



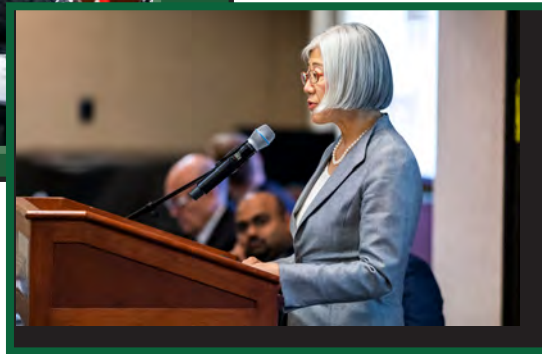
Vicki Bennett

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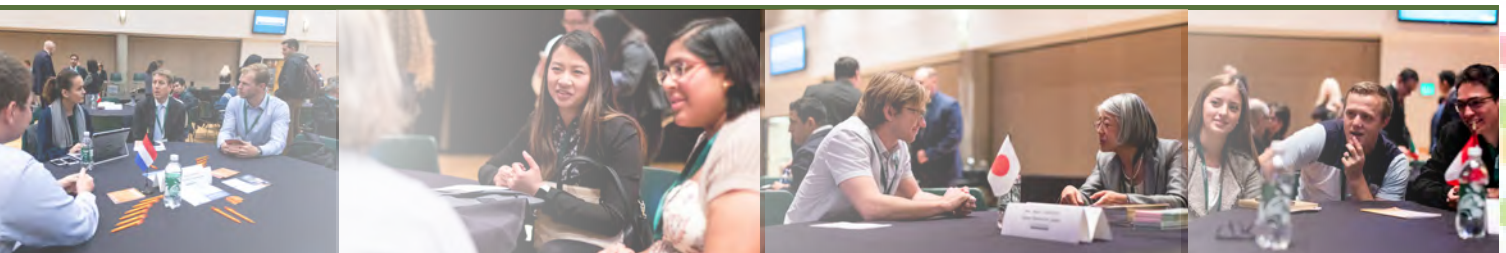


"I want to close by saying **how important diplomacy is** no matter what the politics are of the day. **It's all about people to people exchanges.** It's the relationship you build one on one with people. And 'thank you' to Utah for being that example."

-Christina J. Hernandez, Regional Director, Office of Foreign Missions, U.S. DOS



After the plenary and breakout sessions, students had the opportunity to sit down one-on-one with foreign country representatives and local CEOs of international businesses to explore future internship and employment options. The breakout sessions included representatives from the following nations: Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Hungary, India, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Spain and the United Kingdom.



ATLAS AWARD

At the conclusion of the Diplomatic Conference, the UVU Office for Global Engagement recognized individuals or organizations who have supported, promoted, or advanced our global mission to empower students to become competent and confident leaders and world citizens through creating opportunities for successful experiences in a globally interdependent community.



Andrew Jensen
UVU Student



Ellie Thompson
UVU Reflection Center



Jackie Biskupski
Mayor of Salt Lake City
Person of the Year



Felecia Maxfield-Barrett
Exec. Dir. Utah Council for
Citizen Diplomacy



Ben Kolendar
Acting Dir. Office of Economic
Development, SLC



(We are deeply saddened at the sudden passing of Dr. Jacoby in June 2020. Our greatest sympathy goes out to his family, friends, and colleagues.)

During the VIP Luncheon, BYU professor, Wade Jacoby, gave an insightful presentation on Global Imbalances: Trade Tensions and Capital Flows. He closed his remarks by saying, "here's where UVU comes in. **Its dual mission can make a big difference**, particularly in getting nontraditional students the education, training, and credentials to compete in a modern economy. This would help address the inequality problems at the root of our trouble."

NETWORK | COLLABORATE | TRADE



Following the UVU portion of the conference, Governor Gary Herbert welcomed the visiting diplomats to the Utah State Capitol for a dynamic discussion on Utah's international trade commitment. During a dinner, co-hosted by the Utah State Legislature, secretary-general of the Muslim World League, Mohammad Al-Issa, shared his unique insights on religious tolerance and international unity.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

High School Conference



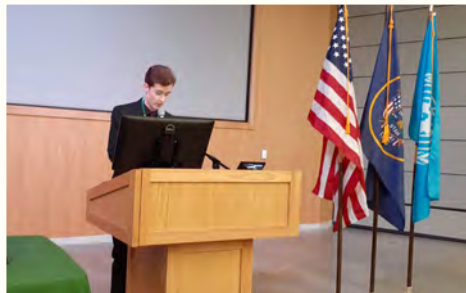
Students representing 22 countries waiting for the Parade of Flags.



Dr. Baldomero Lago, UVU Chief International Officer



UVUMUN Secretary General, Andrew Jensen, UVU Student



Student Policy Speaker, Jackson Habig, Weber HS



Felipe Queipo, Global Communications Officer, United Nations

Utah Valley University hosted its first ever Model United Nations Conference for Utah High Schools on February 1, 2020. We were honored to have as our opening plenary keynote speaker, Mr. Felipe Queipo, Communications Officer, Civil Society Unit, Department of Global Communications, at the United Nations. Model UN is a simulation of the UN General Assembly and its other multilateral bodies (i.e. World Health Organization, Economic and Social Council, and Security Council,) where students perform an ambassador role while debating topics such as global health, climate action, the refugee crisis, gender equality, and more. UVU has had several of its students from the Model UN class participate in regional competitions. During this conference, these university students offered their talents and skills to mentoring the next generation of debaters and negotiators.



Participating Schools:

Brighton High School
Hillcrest High School
Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering & Science
Timpview High School
Weber High School

A total of **5** schools, **106** high school students and **10** UVU student volunteers participated in the UVU Model UN conference. In preparation, students researched their country's policy on each of the issue topics. Many submitted policy papers outlining their country's position to receive a "Superior Excellence" distinction on their participation certificates.

Security Council



World Health Organization



Economic & Social Council



General Assembly



UN Committee Topics:

Economic and Social Council

1. Assisting Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons in Non-camp Settings
2. Ensuring Meaningful Progress Towards the Sustainable Development Goals

General Assembly

1. Freedom of Information and the Role of the Media in the Digital Age
2. Applying the Responsibility to Protect Doctrine

World Health Organization

1. Addressing Pandemics and Other Global and Regional Health Crises
2. Strengthening Implementation of the Health-related Sustainable Development Goals

Security Council - Novel Coronavirus Crisis at the Border of China and Missile Crisis in Iran





UNITED NATIONS & UVU



September 20, 2019

UN Day of Peace

Every year, the Office for Global Engagement supports the UVU Reflection Center's celebration of the United Nations International Day of Peace. Throughout the afternoon different worldview clubs, as well as the Interfaith Student Council, talked about their perspectives on peace. Representatives from our office explained the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and how everyone can accomplish peace with practical action.

October 1, 2019

Sustainability Day

With the Sustainable Development Goals in mind, several groups and colleges at UVU combined efforts with the City of Orem to focus on increasing awareness about sustainability and offered practical ideas on how to tackle current climate, energy and environmental issues.



December 2, 2019

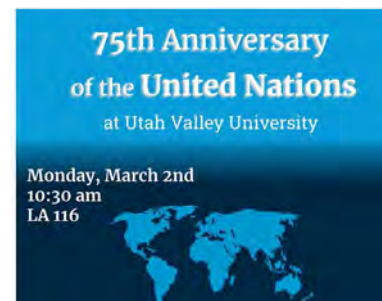
International Mountain Day

In commemoration of UN International Mountain Day (December 11), student leaders from UVU's Utah International Mountain Forum collaborated with the Office for Global Engagement to organize the 10th annual event. The theme for 2019 was "Mountains Matter for Youth." This event helped to draw attention to the important role that mountain regions play in water, food, and recreation as well as the specific challenges many mountainous communities face.

March 2, 2020

75th Anniversary of the UN

To celebrate UVU's continuing United Nations activities and commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the UN, a distinguished panel gathered in the Center for Global and Intercultural Engagement for presentations and group discussions. This student led event was organized in collaboration with Utah International Mountain Forum.



UNITED NATIONS ACADEMIC IMPACT



Membership Citation

United Nations Academic Impact Welcomes

Utah Valley University, United States

as a member and values its commitment to the following ten principles:

Commitment to the United Nations Charter • Human Rights • Educational opportunity for all • Sustainability • Capacity-building in higher education systems • Global citizenship • Peace and conflict resolution • Addressing poverty • Higher Education opportunity for every interested individual • The “unlearning” of intolerance



On this day

4 April 2020

Ramu Damodaran
Chief, United Nations Academic Impact
Department of Global Communications
United Nations

On April 4, 2020, Utah Valley University was officially recognized as a member of United Nations Academic Impact. The Office for Global Engagement continues to be at the forefront of UVU’s education and promotion of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. The United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) is an initiative that aligns institutions of higher education with the United Nations in supporting and contributing to the realization of United Nations goals and mandates, including the promotion and protection of human rights, access to education, sustainability and conflict resolution. Since 2010, UNAI has created a vibrant and diverse network of students, academics, scientists, researchers, think tanks, institutions of higher education, continuing education and educational associations.

There are over 1300 member institutions in more than 130 countries that reach millions of people in the education and research sectors around the world. The work of these institutions is vital to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals as they serve as incubators of new ideas, inventions and solutions to the many global challenges we face. United Nations Academic Impact provides the integral link to these stakeholders to ensure that the international community harnesses the energy and innovation of young people and the research community in service to humanity.

Global Spotlight is a unique program at UVU organized by the Office for Global Engagement. Each year a focus country is selected and events are carefully designed with the intent of triggering global and intercultural engagement across campus and within the community. Workshops, conferences, demonstrations, artistic presentations, discussion panels, faculty exchanges, and lectures are each carefully chosen to enlighten participants on the country of focus.



OPENING EVENT

September 18, 2019

During the inaugural event for the 2019-2020 Global Spotlight: Japan program, the Center for Global and Intercultural Engagement was transformed with origami cranes and filled with traditional music, dance, and tasty treats.



IKEBANA DEMONSTRATION

October 22, 2019

Ikebana - The Japanese art of flower arrangement, can be traced back as early as the 6th century when Buddhist monks would make flower arrangement offerings. Heidi Almosara, Assistant Professor of Foundations at the UVU School of the Arts and certified Sogetsu Instructor, gave a brief overview and history of Ikebana art form followed by a live demonstration.



ROCK STAR SCIENTISTS US-JAPAN COLLABORATION IN SCIENCE AND CULTURE November 6, 2019

Kim Nielsen, Associate Professor in UVU's Physics Department, highlighted the recent scientific collaborative projects his students have had with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency.

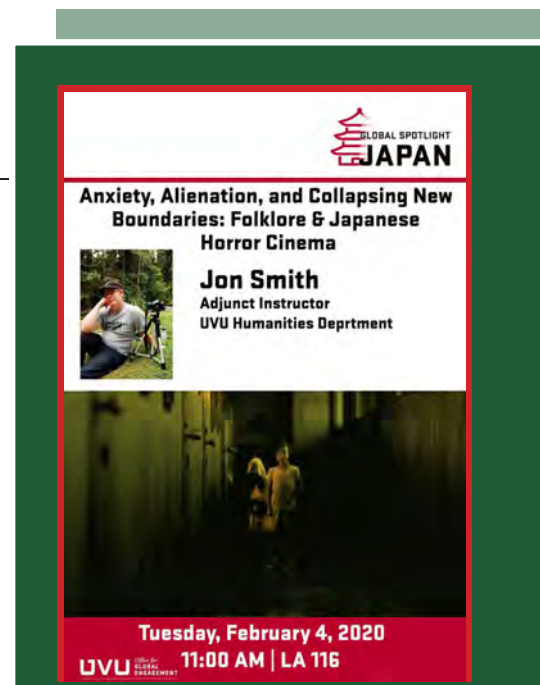


MOVIE EVENT December 4, 2019

"My Neighbor Totoro" is a 1988 Japanese animated fantasy film written and directed by Hayao Miyazaki. It follows the story of two young daughters of a professor and their interactions with friendly wood spirits in postwar rural Japan. It was a great way for students to wind down the semester.

JAPANESE HORROR CINEMA February 4, 2020

UVU adjunct professor, Jon Smith, focused his presentation on the psychological and emotional connection Japanese people have with horror film themes. While horror narratives have long been part of Japanese folklore and mythology, the horror genre within Japanese cinema did not solidify until after World War II.



UTAH-JAPAN COLLABORATION IN BUSINESS CONFERENCE



March 11, 2020

The Office for Global Engagement welcomed the Consul General of Japan (Denver) and Utah government, trade and business leaders to participate in a panel discussion focused on developing the 21st century workforce. The conference and networking luncheon were held in collaboration with Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA's *The Alliance Working in America (TAWA)* program, which seeks to engage regional leaders and audiences across the United States on the importance of U.S.-Japan relations to U.S. regional and national interests.



Shanti Shoji

Director of Programs - Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA



Midori Takeuchi

Consul - General of Japan in Denver



Miles Hansen

President & CEO - World Trade Center Utah



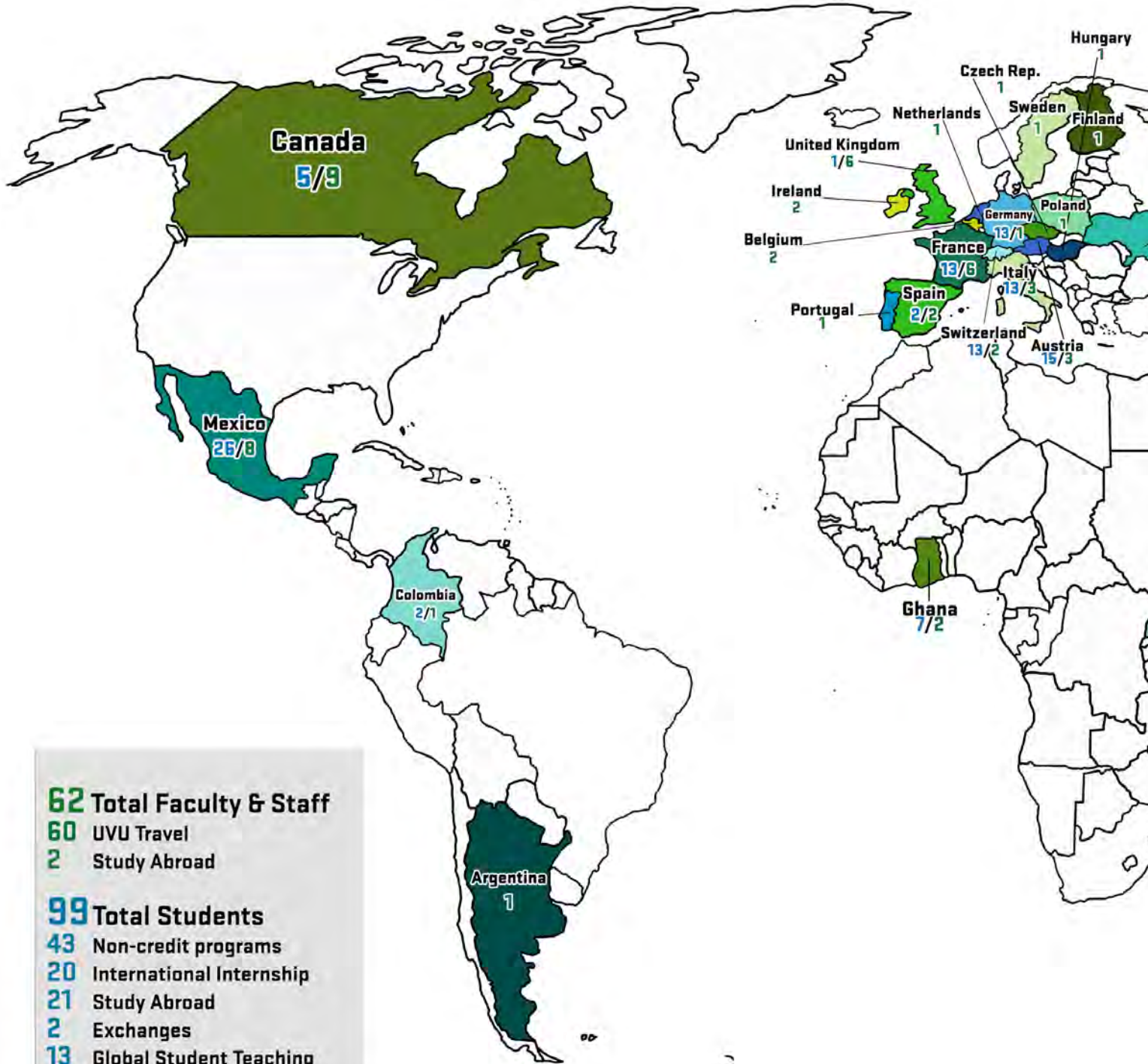
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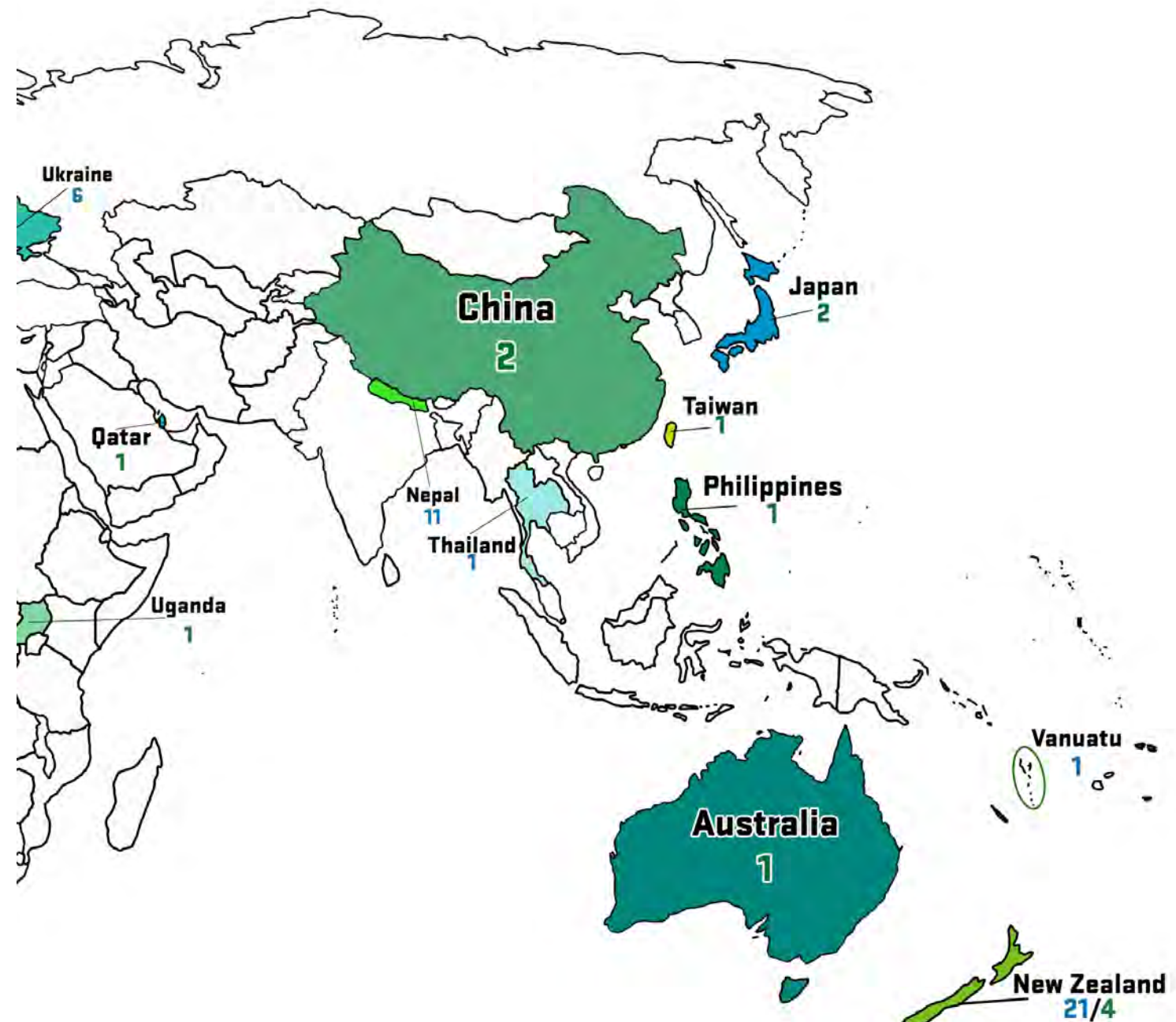
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UVU INTERNATIONAL



TRAVEL MAP 2019-2020



STUDY ABROAD

Just when our vibrant array of study abroad programs were gearing up, COVID-19 ground all international travel to a halt. Only the Emergency Services study abroad program to New Zealand was completed. UVU cancelled 15 study abroad programs in order to ensure the safety of its students and their potential host communities. Hopefully the world is in a better position next year to allow for the free movement of people across international borders!



Cancelled Study Abroad Programs 2020	Students
China - Chinese Language	15
Costa Rica - Biology and Geology	12
Cuba - Peace and Justice Studies	10
Europe - National Security	9
France - French Language	8
Germany - German Language	5
Italy - Art History	20
Italy - Biology and Geology	7
Oxford (UK) - Constitutional Studies	13
Japan - Japanese Language	14
London and Florence - Literature	17
Samoa - Nursing	23
Scotland (UK) - Business	19
Spain - Spanish Business	8
United Kingdom - Theatre	12

TOTAL	192
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March 18

COVID-19: Commencement, Study Abroad, and Travel Update





NEW ZEALAND

January 10 - 24, 2020



Emergency Services

Places visited: University of Canterbury, Christchurch

Program Directors: Jeff Maxfield, Professor of Emergency Services
Gary Noll, Professor of Fire Science



GLOBAL STUDENT TRAVEL

Non-credit Programs

Student Exchange Programs

Cambridge Summer Program

Global Student Teaching

International Internships

MBA International Experiences

The worldwide outbreak of Covid-19 Coronavirus greatly impacted UVU students. International travel restrictions resulted in the cancellation of late spring and summer semester travel plans. During the Fall 2019 and early Spring 2020 semesters, several non-credit programs, global student teaching, student exchanges, and international internships were completed.

In a typical year, UVU provides a variety of opportunities for students to increase their learning experiences and practical training in foreign countries. Select departments across campus offer faculty-led non-credit international programs where students can participate in workshops, make presentations and engage in humanitarian projects. The School of Education arranges student teaching in select countries. Also, summer or semester-long student exchange programs are available with several European universities. International internships give UVU students a chance to apply their classroom knowledge in real-world environments. The UVU Master of Business Administration program (MBA) provides an international consulting travel experience for its students. For all these various international programs, the Office for Global Engagement supplies guidance, scholarship information, and assistance for students with their trip insurance and travel registration.

Departments and Colleges

Athletics -	26
School of Education -	13
Science -	2
History & Social Science -	23
Woodbury School of Business -	11

There were **9**
different
schools/colleges that led
non-credit programs

International Internships

Lugala, Uganda -	26
Uzhhorod, Ukraine -	13
Kathmandu, Nepal -	11
Thailand -	1
Vanuatu -	1

Total
Students **99**



33

Total
Countries
Visited

Non-Credit Programs

COLOMBIA



"Having the opportunity to present at the 2019 Ventures Summit in Cartagena, Colombia, was such a motivation. We were in Cartagena for 48 hours strictly for business, and within these 48 hours, I had the opportunity to meet so many individuals with the same mindset and goals as myself. *It was incredible to take part in representing UVU in such a hardworking and professional way.* I appreciate the Woodbury School of Business for always giving their students these kinds of opportunities and providing us with the resources in feeling confident in what we present."

-Alma Lopez, UVU Graduating Senior

International Internships

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INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST



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Mischievous Smiles

"After spending several days in gloomy Lima, Peru, I developed an equally gloomy mood which reflected the dark sky, the dirty streets and the impoverished living conditions which surrounded me. After flying to Cusco, Peru, and taking a trip out of the city to visit an Incan ruin, our group stopped at a small structure which sold various artisan crafts from local villages.

I caught these women smiling and my mood was instantly improved. The sharp contrast of their colorful clothing and cheerful faces to the gray skies and solemn demeanor I experienced in Lima was a welcome site."

Cody De Niro

Cusco, Peru



2

Samantha Riding
Germany



3

Gabby Granthem
Israel



Jaclyn Olsen
Albania



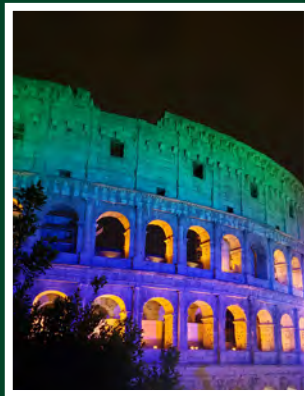
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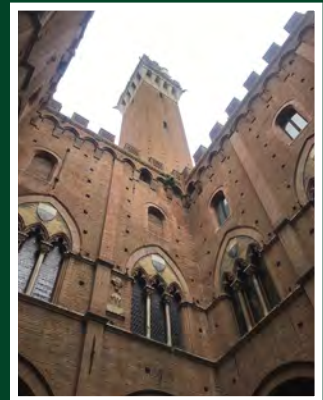
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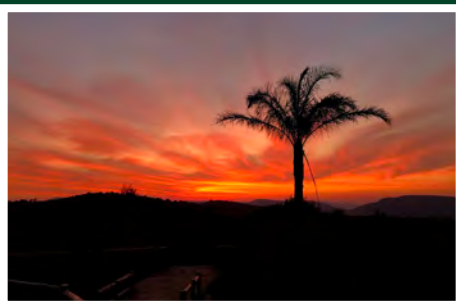
Amy Barnett
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Caitlin Hentish
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Jenecee Mathis
South Africa



Kory McIntire
Germany



Alex Yuan
China

Go Abroad!

Students who work or study abroad return as different people; their eyes are opened to another way of thinking and learning. They experience personal growth, gain intercultural development, and have an edge in employment opportunities in this ever-increasing global economy.

You can help the Office for Global Engagement promote international activities, cultural awareness, and global competencies by making a donation to the Global Engagement Scholarship Fund. Your gift will go directly to students, thereby helping them to reduce the costs of international travel and study programs.

Ways to Donate

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“The use of traveling is to regulate imagination with reality, and instead of thinking of how things may be, see them as they are.”

- Samuel Johnson



STUDY—
WORK—
EXPLORE—
LEARN—
UNDERSTAND—