

My participation at Utah Valley University Club Rush

I was able to be a part of my university's club rush event on September 14. I am a part of the Foreign Affairs club and was able to sit at a booth and invite others to join the club as well. During the hour that I was there, I met so many interesting people and learned more about the club I was presenting too! I am new to the club as of this school year and have not attended any meetings yet but this experience was a really good way to get me excited about and invested in the club's future endeavors.



Foreign Affairs club table was set up for club rush!

As I sat at the booth, I was able to hear Alitha Thompson enthusiastically tell people about our club and felt her passion. It made me feel passionate as well. A lot of people came to us with what I'm assuming was just the intention of getting a sticker for their club rush bingo card which would give them a free meal, but many stayed to hear what we were about and could feel how much Alitha cared. In just the hour I was there, so many people signed up and there were 7 other hours I didn't even get to see.

So many people from all different backgrounds and majors signed up. I was able to catch on to the idea of the club and let others know that they were welcome. Business majors

could work on logistics of the club, graphic design majors could work on flyers and promotions, anyone from any major could find a way to be a part of this club and to contribute. I was also able to tell people that we didn't want too much of their time. Everyone has their things, their classes, their work, their life! People are busy and this club wouldn't impede their ability to get everything else done, it would only bring positivity to their lives.



Alitha Thomson, her son, and Lisa Cannon at the booth at club rush.

I appreciated the emphasis placed on coming as you are, bringing your strengths, and being you. I was also excited to share with people how much of a resume builder this could be. They could gain so much real experience from this and they could take the skills they gained from this with them throughout their life.

The whole experience was really eye opening to me that people can always find a way to be involved and to be together. I think there's such an emphasis on differences and what keeps us separate a lot of the time, there's a lot of divisiveness but, there is always a way to come together and to appreciate each other's strengths.

Lisa Cannon, member, Foreign Affairs Club