

My contribution to hosting Permanent Representative of Peru to the Organization of American States, Ambassador Harold Forsyth at UVU

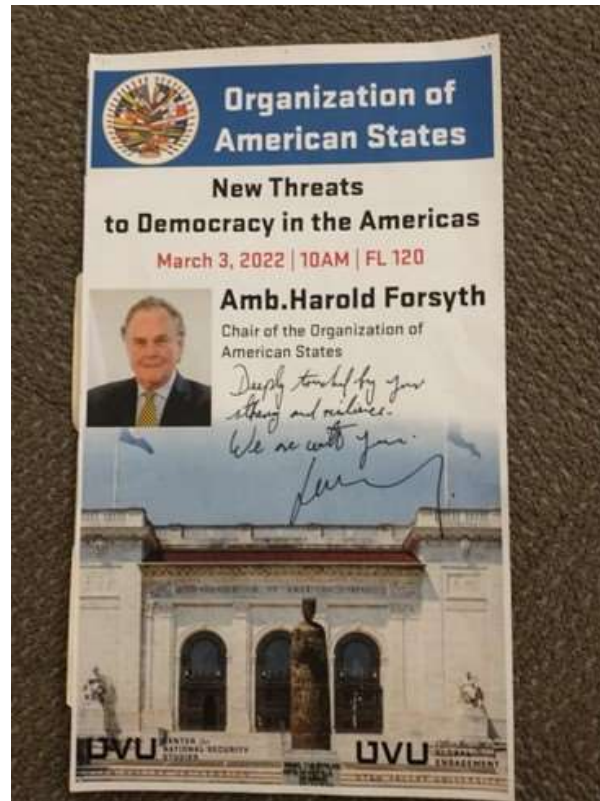


Carolina Yauyo (at the podium) speaking to peers and Ambassador Harold Forsyth (right)

Harold Forsyth, Chair of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS) and permanent representative of Perú to the OAS, visited Utah Valley University this month. In this visit, he came to meet with state leaders and to Utah Valley University on March 3rd, 2022. During his time at UVU, he was invited to give two events and a lunch with selected students and faculty members of UVU. As a member of the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at UVU, I was able to participate in an event with him where the UIMF hosted Ambassador Forsyth, and discussed mountain targets with him.

In these two events, Ambassador Harold Forsyth was able to talk to students about the “New Threats to Democracy in the Americas,” and a UIMF event about the OAS and the

importance of its involvement with Mountain Sustainable Development. During these events, students were encouraged to ask the ambassador questions and interact and learn from the Ambassador.



OAS poster signed by Ambassador Forsyth

Personally, I was able to attend to all the events, including the lunch, and it was a unique and educational experience where I was able to see how a high-level political figure, who is also from my same country, was willing to interact with college students and arrange future opportunities to continue making our university a must place to visit for other political figures.

I presented to him the case of sustainable mountain development in Peru and showcased why the OAS needs to be active and conscious of mountain targets in Peru and the Americas. Ambassador Forsyth stated that he had no idea about this issue, and promised to push for them in the OAS. The visit of Ambassador Harold Forsyth to our campus was a very pleasant and educational experience. Students were able to interact with a high-level political figure, but they were also given an opportunity to promote sustainable mountain development and participate in another student engaged learning experience.

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