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Over the years I’ve had the privilege to build relationships with and learn from women from the Rocky, Appalachian, Carpathian, Karakoram, and Himalaya Mountain ranges. These wise women came from diverse educational, technological, and cultural backgrounds, but the thing that united us was the mountain culture that emphasized the importance of the family unit.

The family is the most important unit of society, and it is the first engaging educational institution for children.

It is in the family that we learn from the examples of our parents the values which will guide and direct our lives. Thus, parents have the sacred responsibility to foster an environment of love, learning, and equality in the home, and to display respect and kindness towards all in public. Parents stand as mentors to their children and facilitate an engaged learning environment for the advancement of their children. This is a living example of the student-engaged learning model.

Children engaged in this style of learning will learn from their parents that men and women stand beside each other as equals. They should learn to treat all, regardless of race, sex, religion or nationality with kindness and respect, while acquiring a strong desire to continually deepen their understanding of the world around them.

The Utah International Mountain Forum helps foster an environment to learn these values, and the members of the Utah International Mountain Forum are living examples of this mountain culture.

Thank you.