

My Contribution to the World Polio Day at Utah Valley University

On October 23, 2025, this event was put together in Liberal Arts Building Room 233, at Utah Valley University order to bring awareness and cause towards officially and definitively eradicating polio from the world. Janessa-Michelle Purcell, UVU Rotaract Club President conducted the meeting with other class officials such as Natalya Figueroa and Kade Van Ry supporting Janessa. Louyoko Nianza, UVU Rotaractor, took photos from the meeting while other classmates helped to bring food, drinks, and organization to the classroom. I personally showed up early to class to help set up chairs to ensure everyone had seating before the meeting started. Mr. Oliver Rosenbauer was the keynote speaker and the UIMF club was the main contributor to the discussion and overall success of the meeting.



Participants and Rotarian Supporters at the World Polio Day Event

This event succeeded due to the support of each student in the above presented photo. Janessa conducted the event and ensured everything went smoothly, while Kade and Natalya

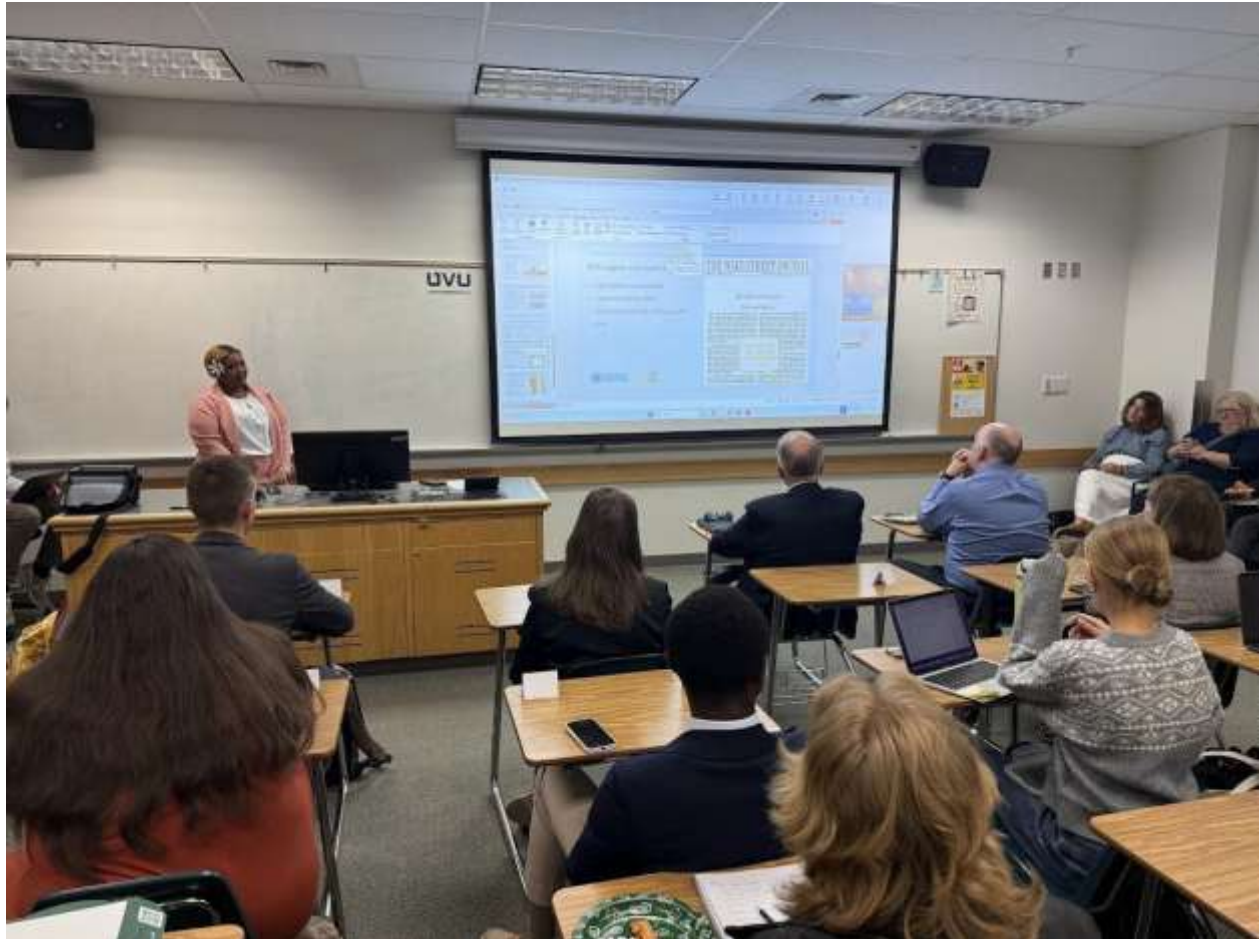
helped with the presentation to keep the program moving in a timely manner while also opening up the floor to discussion. Louyoko was in charge of photos and that is the reason we have photos from the event. Nicholas brought pizza and drinks, while Ana, Curtis, and I set up the meeting before the onset to ensure everyone had seating. Mr. Oliver Rosenbauer was the Keynote speaker addressing the room on the necessity to officially eradicate polio.



Mr. Oliver Rosenbauer Addressing the Room During the Polio Day Event

This event was helpful in giving the classroom an opportunity to participate in a discussion with a WHO worker who is involved in a major problem that still affects the world. This event helped to prepare the class for organizing an event for a respected individual while also allowing the opportunity to participate and ask questions directly related to this individual's specific line of work. This event also fostered teamwork as it was mostly put together in partnership with the UIMF club which established positions and duties for each person to participate in during the program and discussion. This event also helped to prove students

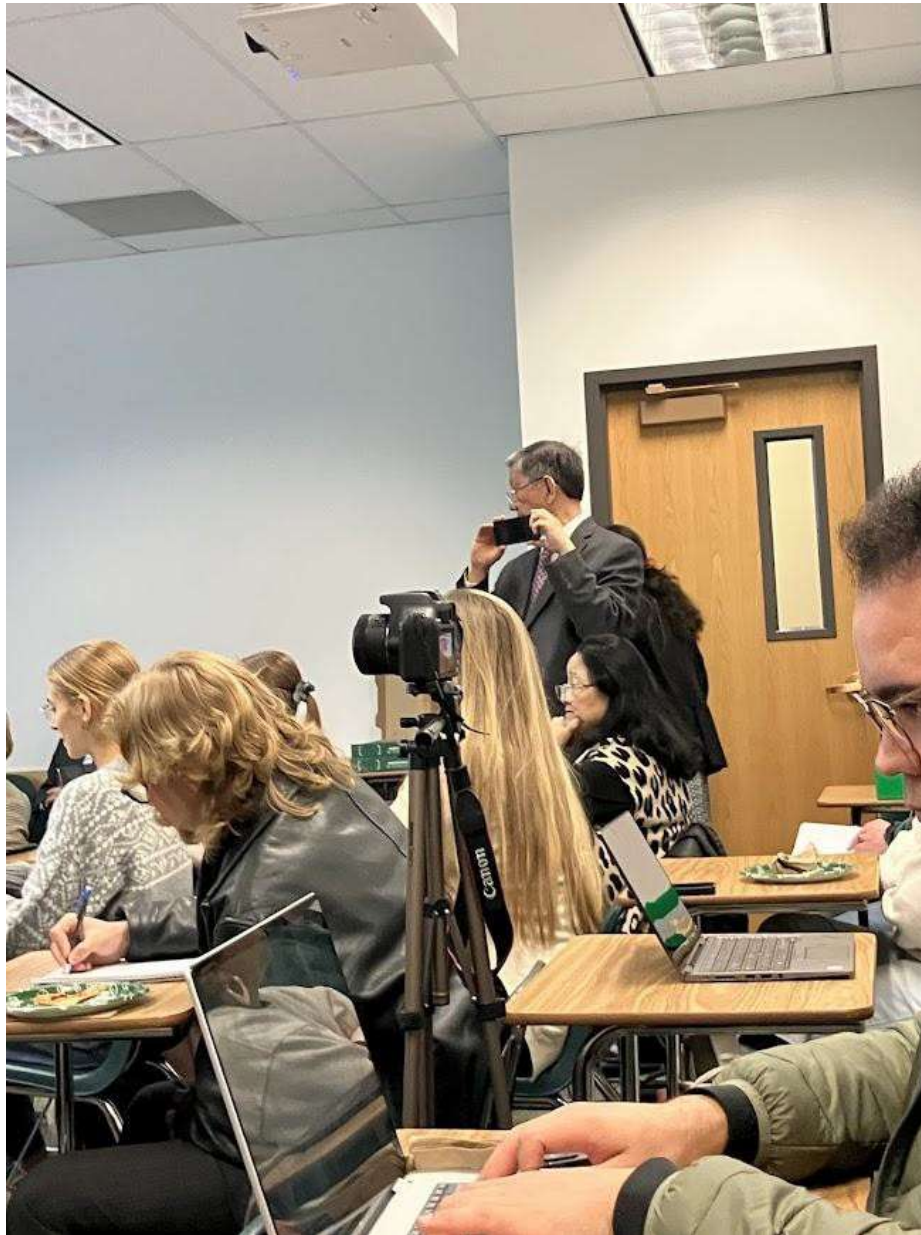
moving forward to the UN study abroad as it showcased what a meeting with a respected individual entails and how this meeting is to be put forward, and how students can participate and become engaged.



The Classroom Attentively Watches Prepared Slides Given by Mr. Rosenbauer

The opportunity to listen to Mr. Rosenbauer's talk on the Polio situation mainly focused in Afghanistan helped me to realize the importance of the work he is doing. Initially it is easy to quell Mr. Rosenbauer's work as something of non-substantial work as polio does not affect any of us and there are vaccines available to eliminate the risk of getting polio. However, upon learning of the real difficulties people have at attaining vaccines or being educated in vaccination has helped me realize that this project is important towards ensuring polio never comes back to

wreak havoc on humanity as it did in the past. Furthermore, if populations stopped vaccinating, polio would come back to affect millions of people as it had done in the past. Therefore, the opportunity to be a part of this event has helped me realize the importance of keeping an unaltered eye on the eradication of polio while eliminating its opportunity to once again affect the human population.



Ambassador Baktybek Abdrisaev takes a Photo During 'World Polio Day Event' While Students Take Notes

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I am thankful to the UIMF club for helping in putting together such a great and successful event in welcoming speaker, Mr. Rosenbauer, as well as all the Rotarians who helped to make this possible.

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