

# **Taking Mid-Term Examination by Hosting World Polio Day**

As a member of the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University (UVU) and UVU Rotaract, I had the opportunity to take part in the 8th World Polio Day Observation at Utah Valley University. On October 23, 2025, Mr. Oliver Rosenbauer, the Communications Officer for the World Health Organizations Global Polio Eradication Initiative was the keynote speaker. He highlighted global polio eradication efforts worldwide including areas such as Pakistan, Afghanistan and Gaza.



**Mr. Oliver Rosenbauer presenting at the 8th World Polio Day Observation**

Under the Student Engaged Learning (SEL) model, I was able to take part in the event by working with my fellow classmates Antoine Mwamba and Natalia Figueroa to write questions for Mr. Rosenbauer, specifically regarding the efforts of Rotary International in eradicating polio worldwide. I asked him about how Rotary International partners with Rotaractors in Geneva and

learned that many programs including Rotary's PolioPlus deeply involve local Rotaractors and assists in vaccination efforts worldwide.



**Attendee Group Photo after the event**

It was a great honor not only to take part in the World Polio Day Observation but also in the Student Engaged Learning model. I have come to better understand opportunities for students to lead leadership through engagement such as hosting dignitaries like Mr. Rosenbauer. I was also honored to not only learn more about global polio eradication efforts through the World Health Organization and Rotaract but also engagement through student organizations such as Utah International Mountain Forum and UVU Rotaract. In addition, this was a great opportunity for me to take the mid-term examination for my Comparative Politics of Central Asia Class,

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