

# Global Engagement Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

**Sept 10:** International Faculty / Staff Networking

**Sept 11:** Really Really Free Market

**Sept 12:** Hispanic Trade Conference

**Sept 26:** Celebración Sinfónica / Symphonic Celebration



## Welcome

Welcome to the new school year! Our office is looking forward to the events and international community the new year will bring. Be on the watch for the Hispanic Trade Conference, the Ukrainian textile art display, the Really Really Free Market, and other events. We are also excited to socialize again with the international faculty and staff, work with our Global Student Leadership Council, facilitate Global Spotlight events, and take part in the greater UVU community by bringing the world to UVU.



Visit our website!



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# Faculty and Student Engagement

## New Faculty Convocation and Faculty Resource Fair

On August 12 and 14, the Office for Global Engagement had a booth at the New Faculty Convocation and Faculty Resource Fair. This was an opportunity to share what our office manages regarding travel registration and to invite faculty to participate in the Global Spotlight program and International Faculty/Staff Networking meetings.



## Global Faculty & Staff Networking Group

On August 26, GEO hosted a social for the international faculty and staff on campus! Everyone had the opportunity to play some get-to-know-you games and enjoy some Greek cuisine, and it was a delightful experience for all.



The Global Spotlight Initiative is an effort led by the Office for Global Engagement to support UVU faculty and to promote global awareness in their classrooms and throughout UVU.

Faculty may receive up to \$1500 of approved expenses reimbursed to their department to assist with tier event or activity.

Learn more:

[uvu.edu/global/global-spotlight/index.html](http://uvu.edu/global/global-spotlight/index.html)



## UVU Intern at the General Consulate of Spain

Utah Valley University has an internship connection with the General Consulate of Spain in Los Angeles, and UVU student Andre Plummer was awarded one of the highest scholarships on campus to take part in this experience. He is excited to explore what the vast city of LA has to offer him and experience a work environment and network that will help him achieve his academic goals. Andre is hoping to learn as much as he can about the department, be as helpful as possible, and connect with mentors who will aid his professional growth.



# Community Engagement

## AUDII

On July 29 through August 2, our office partnered with the Utah State Board of Education to host the Annual Utah Dual Language Immersion Institute (AUDII) at UVU. This is our fifth year of this valuable community collaboration, which is designed to educate new Dual Language Immersion teachers and addresses all the first and second-year competencies outlined in the DLI Professional Trajectory as essential skills. Over 1,200 teachers across the seven DLI languages (Chinese, French, German, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and English) participated across the five-day institute.



## UVU College of Science Loveland Living Planet Aquarium



GEO brought together the collaboration of the UVU College of Science and the new learning center at the Utah Loveland Living Planet Aquarium.

This event features keynote speaker H.E. Catalina Crespo Sancho, Ambassador of Costa Rica to the United States, as well as Juan Pascua, Ryan Starks, and Javier Chavez. Countries represented include Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, and Brazil. Register for this free event using the QR code below.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Celebración Sinfónica

UVU GEO is collaborating with the Utah Symphony to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an evening featuring the sounds of Latin America and Spain!



Sept. 26, 7:30  
The Noorda at UVU



## Doing Business with the Hispanic World Challenges and Opportunities

September 12,  
9:30am–12:30pm  
Grand Ballroom



Presented by  
UVU Global Engagement and Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

# Global Academic Projects

## Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ukraine

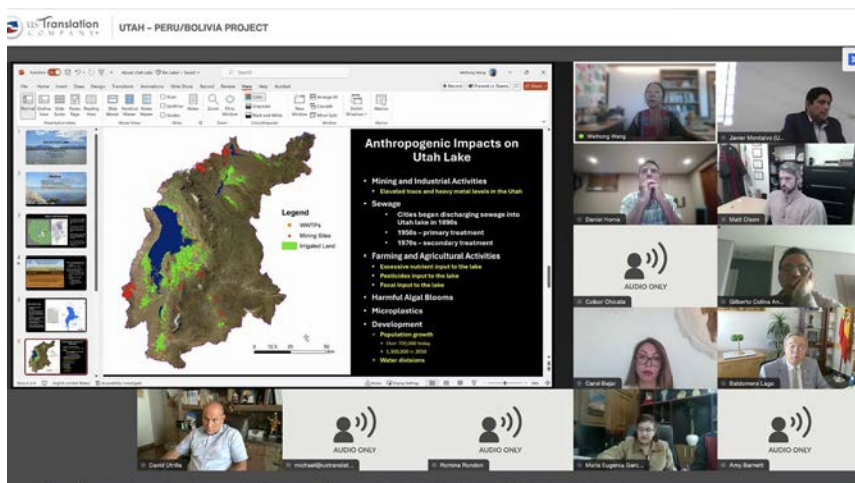
The Office for Global Engagement facilitated a Memorandum of Understanding agreement last month. The following day, UVU signed an MOU with the University of Khmelnytsky Humanitarian and Pedagogical Academy (KGPA) in Ukraine. This agreement will benefit the UVU Departments of Psychology, Social Work, and English & Literature.



Violeta Labaziuk, Head of the Khmelnytskyi Council in Ukraine, and KGPA Rector Inna Shorobura signing the MOU with UVU

## UVU College of Science – Peru / Bolivia Collaboration

On August 19, representatives from Utah, Peru, and Bolivia discussed research possibilities and proposals regarding Utah Lake and Lake Titicaca in a meeting arranged by the Office for Global Engagement. Topics included algae harvesting, nutrient loading, pesticide impact assessments, and public awareness initiatives, among others. This meeting was also conducted in both English and Spanish, with live audio translation made possible through Utah-based US Translation.



## UVU Music Department Program in Bulgaria

In July 2024, Dr. Cheung Chau, director of the UVU Orchestra, led a delegation of UVU student musicians to Bulgaria. Each year, a limited number of young musicians are invited for an intensive summer program put on by the International Musicians Academy. This year, twelve current and former UVU students participated in the festival.





# Global Council / Board

## Global Student Leadership Council

On August 16, we held our Global Student Leadership Council Retreat to welcome our new members! Our new students are Jacob Bunker, Annette Cabrera Perez, Carter Darger, Alyssa Grover, Elle Park, and Mohamed Toure. Student council members are awarded \$1000 scholarship per semester and will be a vital part of the success of our Global Spotlight program and other international campus events.



## Global Community Advisory Board

On August 8, the UVU Global Community Advisory Board held their bi-annual meeting. This meeting welcomed new member, Maritza Sotomayor, a UVU faculty member, who will be a vital link from the local teaching community. The meeting also featured two members of the Global Student Leadership Council, who will attend on a rotating basis to represent the student perspective on the board.



# Wolverines Around the World

## 📍 New Zealand and Tonga

**Professor Mike Patch** recently had the opportunity to take 18 education students to New Zealand and Tonga for two weeks to be exposed to different cultural experiences both in education as well as regular life. In New Zealand, the students got to spend significant time in Māori immersion schools, where they rotated classrooms and experience teaching for full days there. In addition, Professor Patch and his students saw New Zealand, where they took part in traditional life and culture. After New Zealand, the group flew to Tonga, where they were able to teach, observe, and interact with students in the Tongan schools. They explored Tonga as well, visiting sites such as Captain Cook's landing spot and going snorkeling and cliff-jumping. It was a wonderful experience for the students to see and learn from different education systems. As Professor Patch put it, "it changes how we see ourselves and how we see ourselves as global citizens rather than just being safe in our home default culture"—an experience that can change both personal and world views.



### Updated International Travel Guidelines

- UVU Policy 252 states that all requests for travel (Concur) must reach the Office for Global Engagement one month (4 weeks) before departure.
- Any travel (Concur) request that reaches Global Engagement less than 4 weeks before the departure date will be subject to a \$100 late fee. This late fee will be charged to the banner index used for the international travel insurance.
- Any travel (Concur) request that reaches Global Engagement 10 days or less than the travel date, travel will not be approved until additional review has been performed by Global Engagement.

Which continent did the banana originate from?

Asia!

