

**Cody Conklin** 

Cody Conklin is a senior at Utah Valley University. He transferred to UVU in 2016 from Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) as an information technology major. Since 2018, he started studying Political Science with an emphasis on Global Politics. Since then, he has been managing full-time employment with his higher education goals. Since his exposure to the Student Engaged Learning Model (SEL), he decided to become more involved, which resulted in his research being highlighted in the 2018 student publication "Youth in the Mountains." His article was titled "Sustainable Development Goals of Romania," which highlighted Sustainable Development Goals and Sustainable Mountain Development. He has been a part of UIMF since 2019 when he participated in various UVU hosted events for ambassadors and diplomats from Hungary and Uzbekistan, as well as a delegation representing the US diplomatic mission with Morocco in 2020. He has also presented with the UIMF at the CSW 65 in 2021 through the parallel event "Mountain Women Empowerment Through the Inclusive Student-Engaged Learning Model." He has used these events as opportunities to expand his experience and professionalism in global politics and sustainable development and will continue to do so as he focuses on graduate school.