



Rusden Scott

Rusden Scott is an artist, activist, and Political Science student with a Global Politics concentration at Utah Valley University. At 19, he spent two years in Dutch speaking South America which sparked a passion for linguistics, international affairs and world cultures that has since taken him to over 25 countries around the world. Growing up in Utah, Rusden developed an abiding appreciation for mountain environments, which deepened during four years working as a tour guide in an Alaska mountain town.

Inspired in part by the textiles of the indigenous lotus weavers of Myanmar, Rusden began creating fine art embroidery in 2015, and is a core member of the ARCH-HIVE, a Utah artist collective exploring the unique perspectives of Utah through the lens of folk and esoteric art. His work is informed by the mountains and deserts of Utah and its culture, and has been featured in local galleries and publications.

Driven by a desire to make an even greater impact in the world community, Rusden enrolled at UVU in 2020 with aspirations of joining the U.S. Foreign Service.

A member of the Utah International Mountain Forum, Rusden cares deeply about sustainable development of mountain communities. He is particularly passionate about meeting the challenges facing mountainous cold deserts and has been involved in efforts to save the Great Salt Lake. In the fall of 2022, he will travel to Ladakh, India to research the cold deserts of the Western Himalayas.