



**Janessa-Michelle Purcell**

Janessa-Michelle Purcell, a determined junior at UVU, is diligently working towards her BS degree in Political Science with an emphasis in Global Politics, as well as minors in History and English Literary Studies. Hailing from the picturesque island of O'ahu, Hawai'i, she brings a touch of tropical charm to her academic pursuits. Janessa-Michelle serves as the Direct Service Fellow at the Center for Social Impact at UVU. When she is not occupied with service projects contributing to the community, she is organizing volunteer service hour events for the UVU student body. She is also a member of UVU's Honors program as well as UVU's chapter of Alpha Sigma Theta (Honor's Society). As she navigates the academic challenges of Political Science, Janessa-Michelle's deep sense of family and her roots in Hawai'i continue to inspire and drive her toward her goals, making her a unique and compassionate individual within the UVU community. In her involvement with Utah International Mountain Forum, Janessa-Michelle, had the opportunity to host Ambassador Aida Kasymalieva in December 2023 in celebration of International Mountain Day. It is Janessa's hope to continue playing an active role in sustainable service projects that encourages the initiatives of the UN SDG in her home state of Hawai'i.