



UTAH INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN FORUM
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Utah International Mountain Forum, a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University

PARALLEL EVENT*

“RAISING JUSTICE AWARENESS OF MOUNTAIN WOMEN THROUGH STUDENT-ENGAGED LEARNING”

MARCH 10, 2026

12:30- 2:00 PM EST

*The event is hosted as a mid-term examination for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals class at Utah Valley University



JANESSA- MICHELLE

PURCELL

Janessa is a Political Science major at Utah Valley University, concentrating in Global Politics with minors in English and History. She advocates for Sustainable Mountain Development as President of the Utah International Mountain Forum and has presented at the United Nations and other international conferences. Originally from O'ahu, Hawai'i, she moved to Utah in 2016 to pursue her academic goals.





NATALIA

FIGUEROA

Natalia, with roots in Chile and Mapuche heritage, is a Political Science major at Utah Valley University. She advocates for Mapuche rights, Sustainable Mountain Development, and human rights as President of the Foreign Affairs Club. Her great-great uncle died in a Holocaust camp defending human dignity, inspiring her goal to work in international affairs or the Chilean government.



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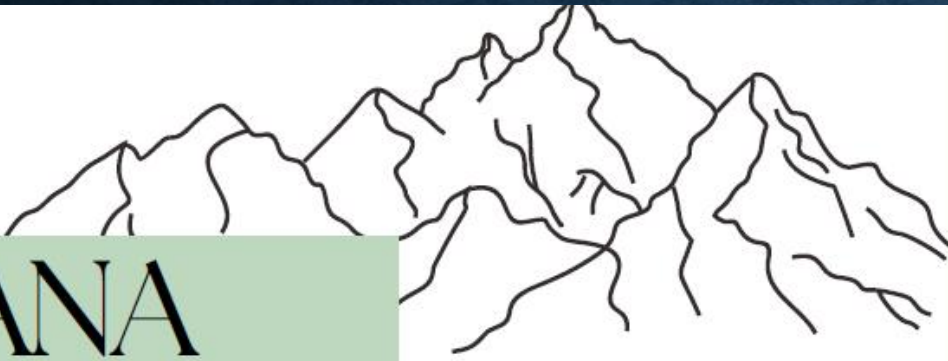


AEMISH

BROCK

Aemish is a German-American Political Science major at Utah Valley University, focusing on Global Politics and Russian Studies. He is Vice President of UVU Foreign Affairs club and active in the Utah International Mountain Forum, Rotaract, and DefTech. Inspired by his Bavarian heritage and post-Soviet studies, he advocates for sustainable mountain development.





ANA
CABALLERO-FERREYRO

Ana is a Senior at Utah Valley University, studying Political Science with a concentration in Global Politics and a minor in National Security Studies. Originally from Mexico, she has served as President of the Foreign Affairs Club, a LEAD program team leader, and participates in Mountain Sustainable Development initiatives. She is also a fellow in UVU's Global Engagement office and a Foundation Ambassador for the Evergreen Campaign.





MATTHEW

ERICKSON

Matthew is a senior Political Science student at Utah Valley University. Born and raised in North Georgia, Matthew moved to Utah to be closer to mountains, and gain an education in environmental protection law and public administration from Utah Valley University. He plans to pursue a career in city government and incorporate sustainable development at local levels.





ABIGAIL

FISHER

Abbie Fisher, a senior Psychology major at Utah Valley University, focuses on social impact, equity, and systemic solutions. She has led research on gentrification, refugee support, and women in the workforce, earning recognition at the Oxford Map the System Competition. As Vice President of Academics and a member of the Utah International Mountain Forum, she aims to create equitable, sustainable policies for vulnerable communities.





ALLEY

HOLT

Alley is a Senior at Utah Valley University, majoring in Political Science and Electrical Engineering. She is the President of the Sustainable Development Club on Campus and is an active member serving in her community. She is passionate about learning and improving the world around her and hopes to continue her education studying law to pursue a career in patent law.





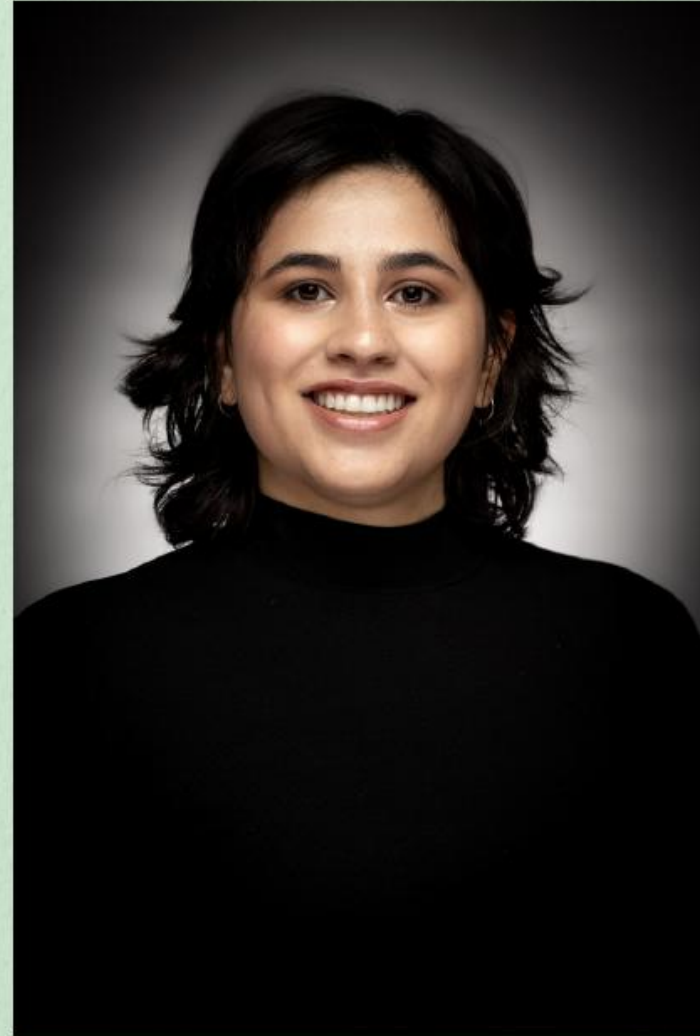
SOPHIE

JACKSON

Sophie Jackson is a Political Science Honors student at Utah Valley University. She was born in Salt Lake City but raised in the mountains of Flagstaff, Arizona. From a young age, she has had a passion for traveling and international relations, and is currently pursuing a career in Diplomacy. She has earned an Associate's Degree in General Studies, participated in a study-abroad program in London, served in a humanitarian program in the Dominican Republic, and by May 1st will have graduated with a Bachelor's in Political Science, Global Politics.



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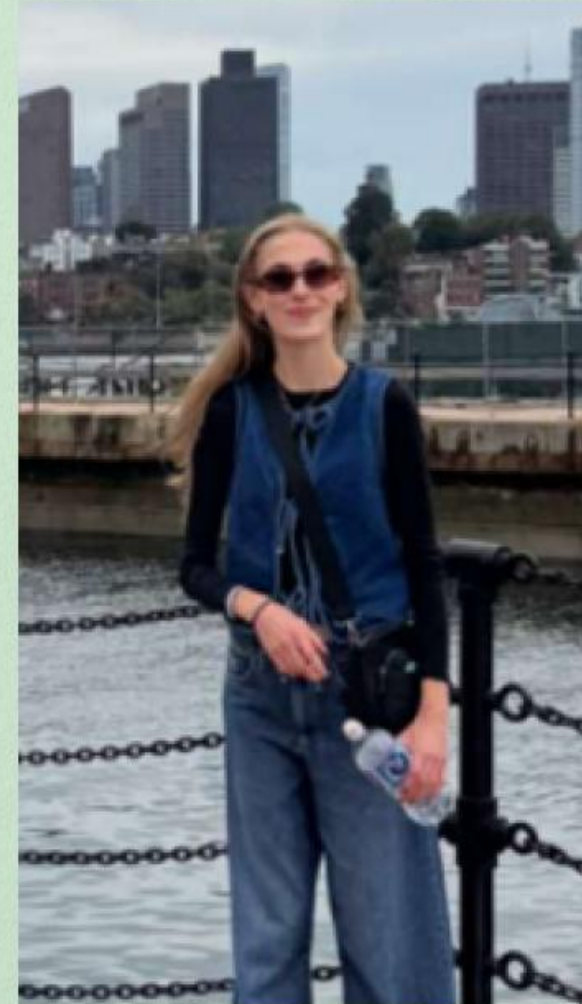




GRACE

JERGENSEN

Grace Jergensen, from Salt Lake City, Utah, is a Political Science student at Utah Valley University with a focus on international relations and a passion for health and wellness. Her experiences with personal health challenges and travel have inspired her interest in nutrition, public health, and healthcare policy. Through her involvement in the Foreign Affairs and Rotaract Clubs, she aims to contribute to international healthcare and policies that promote well-being.





ROLAND

KABONGO

Roland, from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, is a Utah Valley University student studying Technology Management and Political Science. His upbringing in the DRC shaped his commitment to community, resilience, and meaningful societal contribution. He focuses on the intersection of technology, leadership, and public policy to understand how both fields shape modern society.





ERYNN

LAMMI

Erynn Lammi, from Florida, studies Philosophy at Utah Valley University and is committed to lifelong, self-directed learning that extends beyond traditional classrooms. Travel and international experiences have shaped her understanding of global cultures, education, and the transformative power of learning across boundaries. She focuses on intellectual exploration, service, and inspiring others to embrace education as a continuous, boundary-free journey.



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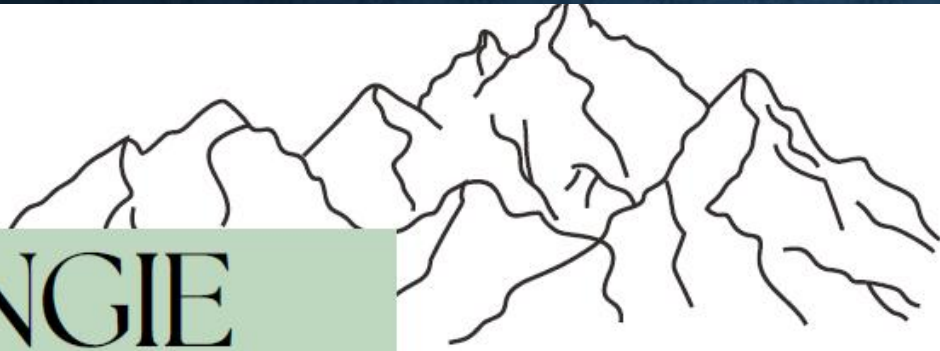


LOUYOKO

NIANZA

Louyoko Nianza, from the Republic of Congo, is a Political Science student at Utah Valley University, author, and educational entrepreneur. He leads the Congolese Community of Utah and founded the Smart-Africanism NGO and Bamaeribole School to promote leadership and education. He has also participated in the UN and Utah International Mountain Forum, focusing on sustainable development and empowerment.





ANGIE

MACIAS

Angie, from Honduras, is a Political Science major with a minor in Leadership in Nonprofit Organizations at Utah Valley University. Her experiences witnessing gender inequality in rural communities inspired her focus on gender justice, democratic development, and sustainable development. She has engaged in community initiatives in Honduras, including helping build a rural kindergarten to expand educational opportunities.





JOÃO

PETTER

João Petter, from Porto Alegre, Brazil, is a Political Science and Applied Communication student at Utah Valley University. Fluent in Portuguese, English, and Spanish, he balances school, work, and personal interests like soccer and family while earning academic honors. He plans to pursue graduate studies and a career in international organizations across the public and private sectors.





ANTOINE

MWAMBA

Antoine, from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, is an International Business student with a minor in Political Science at Utah Valley University. Inspired by volunteer work in Ghana, he is committed to leadership through service and global engagement. He plans to attend law school and work in international governance, ultimately returning to the DRC to advance democracy and sustainable development.



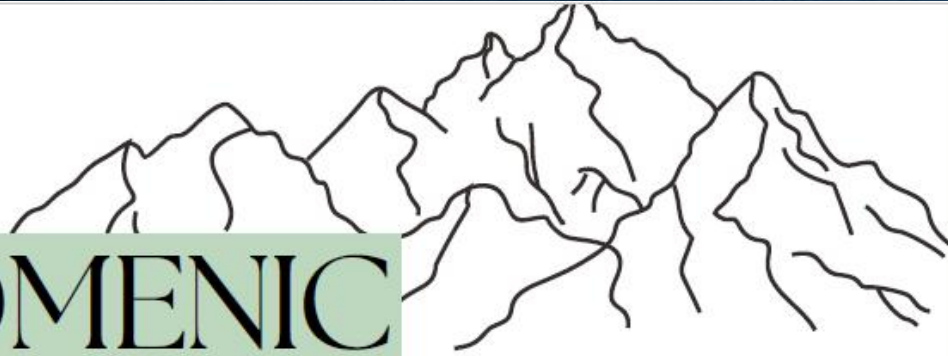


MICHAEL

LUTZ

Michael is a Political Science major at Utah Valley University, focusing on global politics, international governance, and sustainable development. His research explores how governance and mountain policies impact gender equality, while his experience with UNICEF Kiribati deepened his understanding of development challenges in unique geographic contexts. He is committed to linking academic research with international advocacy to advance inclusive, sustainable mountain development policies.





DOMENIC

MAXIMUS CALLOR

Domenic, from Utah, is a Global Relations and Political Science student at Utah Valley University with a lifelong commitment to service. He has volunteered with community gardens, food drives, mental health initiatives, and served as an LDS missionary, while learning multiple languages to better connect with those he serves.





JONAS

TANNER

Jonas Tanner, from Salt Lake City, Utah, has lived in multiple countries, gaining a deep appreciation for diverse cultures and global understanding. His experiences, including Model UN and serving as an LDS missionary in Ohio and Hong Kong, shaped his commitment to service and problem-solving. At Utah Valley University, he continues to support sustainable development and global initiatives.





CRISTINA

ALVES LYON

Cristina Alves Lyon, from Brazil, is a Digital Marketing major at Utah Valley University with minors in Leadership and Public Relations. She has led humanitarian initiatives helping thousands of children and families and serves as a Presidential Intern at UVU. She aims to advance diplomacy and international development for vulnerable communities worldwide.







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