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Sophie Jackson is a second-year Political Science Honors student at Utah Valley University. She was born in Salt Lake City but raised in the mountain city of Flagstaff, Arizona. From a young age, she fell in love with traveling and intends to pursue any career that keeps her traveling around the world. After graduating from high school early, she earned an Associate's Degree in General Studies from Brigham Young University of Idaho. During her time in Idaho, she participated in a semester-long study abroad program in London through Brigham Young University. It was there that she studied Art, British literature, and the Humanities. It was her time in London that opened her eyes to international relations and global politics. After receiving her associates, she decided to take a gap year to do humanitarian work. In 2023, Sophie was accepted to the International Language Program to teach English to elementary students in the Dominican Republic.

Her time in the Dominican Republic was filled with struggles and challenges. However, she learned the meaning of grit, how to maintain a positive attitude, and the importance of helping vulnerable populations. After her four months in the Dominican Republic, Sophie Jackson decided to finish her bachelor's degree. After applying to college, she decided UVU would be the best fit for her. She was then accepted into the UVU Honors Society. On top of that, she was given two academic and financial scholarships to help with the financial burden of university. She is currently on the Dean's List and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. By May 2026, she will graduate with honors and receive her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with an emphasis in Global Politics.

In the summer of 2026, she will be participating in a study abroad program at the United Nations in Geneva and New York City. During this trip, she will present her academic research on current global and political issues. After this program, she is determined to travel the world until the end of 2026, after which she will take on unknown internships and begin her career with the goal of one day becoming a diplomat!