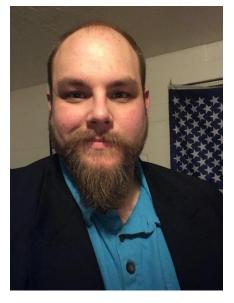
## **Dylan Genes**



Dylan Genes grew up in Portsmouth, VA and Elizabeth City, NC in a military family. He attended and played high school football at Camden County High in NC. After a graduating high school, he moved to UT to make a fresh start at life. Believing strongly in military values and the American political system, he found himself in the pursuit of higher education to obtain station, knowledge and culture. Having a large interest in Chinese culture and politics, he enrolled into Utah Valley University (UVU) studying Political Science with an emphasis on World Politics including a minor in Mandarin Chinese.

Towards the last year of college, he realized the importance of engaged learning and gaining experience before entering the job market. Thus, he began his work as the Vice-president of both the Foreign Affairs club and the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University (UVU) in 2017 by hosting scholars to UVU. As Foreign Affairs Club Vice president he helped organize and coordinate with his peers the seventh annual commemoration of the United Nations International Mountain Day at UVU on December 4, 2017.

Upon becoming the Vice-President of the UIMF, Dylan helps coordinate efforts between the UIMF clubs including the Foreign Affairs Club and the international community within the university to promote UVU's Student Engaged Learning model. This includes managing Protocol and Logistics for the student members of the UVU delegation at the 62<sup>nd</sup> session of the Commission of the Status of Women (CSW62) at the U.N. Headquarters in 2018.

While Studying Political Science and Mandarin Chinese, He aims to bring the world together politically and improve international relations. With ambassadorship being the end goal, he truly wants to engage with and learn from different foreign communities to gain a global knowledge, culture, and poise of an potential ambassador for the U.S.

Dylan currently invested in his family ranch in small town southern Utah, making efforts to implement the sustainable mountain models there, and on an international level. He enjoys ranching, hunting, snowboarding, and agriculture.