

The Political Science Post

Magazine of the BYU Political Science Department
Special Edition

Awards and Recognitions
2020

FOREWORD

SPECIAL ISSUE

Despite the unexpected transition to remote learning for the end of Winter Semester, the Political Science Department had a great year in 2019-2020. We were not able to hold our in-person awards banquet for our students, faculty, and alumni in April, but we did give out several awards and scholarships. This special edition of the Political Science Post highlights the recipients of these awards.

We also pay tribute at this time to our graduating seniors. Our graduates have been all over the world, from Australia, to Israel, to Europe, Asia and Africa, during their undergraduate work. They have served in multiple capacities doing research, helping and serving, and are now going on to graduate work at many extraordinary schools, including: Duke PHD, Vanderbilt Law, San Diego Law, Johns Hopkins MA, SUU MPA, Arizona State Law, BYU Law, etc. Other students are working for the U.S. Senate, McKinsey and Co., Y2 Analytics, non-profits, and in project management. Such an exciting and accomplished group of professionals. We are so proud of all of you! Thank you for being a part of the BYU Political Science family.



The Political Science Department

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Braydon Madson, Valedictorian

Braydon Wade Madson, a double major in political science and ancient Near Eastern studies, is the son of Heidi and Greg Madson. He was born and raised in Payson, Utah and served a mission in Brisbane, Australia. During his time at BYU, he participated in a variety of programs, including internships in Washington, D.C.

and Melbourne, Australia; a study abroad in the Holy Land; and a fellowship in the Global Politics Lab. He participated in research that looked at minority group relations, the effects of Brexit, and the impact of the global refugee crisis. The highlight of his undergraduate experience was working as a teaching assistant for POLI 328, Statistical Analysis. He will attend Duke University in the fall to begin work on a Ph.D. in public policy studying refugee and immigration issues, as well as expanding his quantitative skills and teaching abilities. He is extremely grateful for all the support provided by BYU faculty, his family, friends, and his fiancé and fellow political scientist, Brynne Townley.



Jamie A. Bjazevich, Salutatorian

Jamie A. Bjazevich, a political science major with an emphasis in legal studies, is the daughter of Wendy and Andrew Bjazevich. Jamie grew up in Tri-Cities, Washington and there developed a passion for law and politics through her AP US History and AP US Government courses in high school. After high school, Jamie served a

mission in Atlanta, Georgia. During her time at BYU, she served as the Head of Advertising for the Pre-Law Student Association, worked as a teaching assistant for Professor Ryan Davis' Poli 202 course for three semesters, edited and published articles for STANCE: Studies on the Family student journal, and worked as a paralegal for Sumsion Business Law. In her spare time, she enjoys skiing, endurance running, hiking, and traveling. This fall, Jamie will begin as a 1L at BYU Law. She is incredibly grateful for the continual support, encouragement, and friendship of her family, roommates, department faculty, and fellow Poli Sci students.



Natalie White, Salutatorian

Natalie White, a political science major, is the daughter of Scott and Kelly Sheffield and the second of four girls. She grew up in Pennsylvania and later moved to Provo, Utah before going on a mission to Fresno, California. She worked as a TA and RA for Dr. Ken Stiles in the Political Science Department, focusing

on international relations theory. She interned at the BYU Law School and helped create a corpus linguistics database for the founding fathers. She became a Global Politics Research Fellow and worked closely with Dr. Wade Jacoby on populism research in the United States and Great Britain. Natalie presented research at two conferences on campus. Natalie is a Business Management minor and has worked for several small businesses in Provo. This fall, she will begin law school at the J. Reuben Clark School of Law at BYU. She would like to thank her husband, parents, and sisters for their support. She would like to express appreciation to the incredible political science faculty for their encouragement and mentorship, and special thanks to Professor Wade Jacoby.



Melody Brown Allred, Salutatorian

Melody Brown Allred, a political science major with an international strategy and diplomacy emphasis and a minor in international development, is the youngest child of Charley and Meri Brown. She grew up in Bellevue, Washington and quickly found her love of studying political affairs and social issues. During her time at BYU, she served a mission in Cambodia, worked as a teaching assistant to Professor Goodliffe, and completed international development internships directing grassroots

development work in Cambodia and India and a political science internship helping direct relief efforts in Europe's largest refugee camp located in Lesvos, Greece. Melody was class president of the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies, received the Marriot School's Y-Prize for Education award and the McKinsey and Company Undergraduate Women's Impact Award. Melody is extremely grateful for her husband, family, and friends for supporting and challenging her to develop her passions and continue to grow. Melody looks forward to beginning her career with McKinsey and Company as a business management consultant in May in the Denver Office, and will continue to pursue personal and community impact in every aspect of her life.

GRADUATING WITH DEPARTMENTAL DISTINCTION



Emmanuel Reyelts



Chris Howe



Jacob William Harris



Abigail Yasu Price



Naomi Hilton



Paul Clayton Gunderson



Aubrey Florence Reed



Elizabeth (Edie) Ellison



Helaman Sanchez



Madeline Carole Beck



Patricia Franks



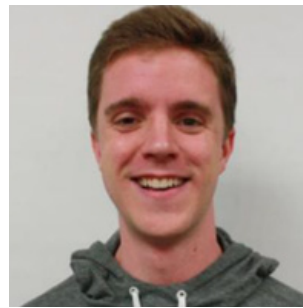
Aerin Burns



Erin Lacey Kitchens Wong



Rebecca Anne Russavage



Nathan McQuarrie



Mallory Matheson

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

FOR 2020-21

2020 Garth Jones
Scholarship Recipient



LILLIE HAGGARD

Lillie is a senior with one more fall semester at BYU. She grew up in Oregon, Illinois, and North Dakota. Lillie is studying Political Science with a minor in international diplomacy and strategy.

She has interned at the State Department and World Trade Center Utah. Currently, she writes for the Political Review and is a teacher assistant for the Public Affairs Lecture Series and Intro to International Business classes. She published a paper this year in the Sigma journal of political and international studies. Lillie was born on Easter, was a whale watching tour guide in Alaska for two summers, and loves her Samoyed, Sasha.

2020 Garth Jones
Scholarship Recipient



JEREMY PRATT

As a lifelong resident of Utah, Jeremy is passionate about local government and finding ways to serve his community. He plans on attending law school after graduating with an undergraduate degree in political science. He is interested in studying the nexus between business and government in the American legal system. Outside of school, he enjoys hiking, skiing, and climbing.

2020 Garth Jones
Scholarship Recipient



JENA BURGESS

Jena grew up moving around and graduated high school in Henderson, Nevada. She is a senior studying political science with minors in international development, nonprofit management, and family life. Her educational specialties represent her life-long passion for knowledge, advocacy, and participation in her community.

She has been involved on campus through participation in BYU's Model UN program and leadership positions at BYUSA and the Women in Politics club. Jena has also worked as the logistics director of the local nonprofit Girls Lobby and as the policy director of a current Utah House of Representatives campaign. She is preparing to graduate in December and hopes to pursue a graduate degree studying policy and political strategy.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

FOR 2020-21

2020 Brent Taylor
Scholarship Recipient



HARRISON MAYER

Harrison was born in Bountiful, Utah and served his mission in Berlin, Germany where he also met his wife, Megan. Currently, he is an Army ROTC cadet studying political science with minors in political analysis and data analytics, as well as German and military science. He will commission as an Army officer in spring of 2021 and hopes to be assigned either to cyber warfare or military intelligence. In 2018, he completed a study abroad through the military to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan to study Russian.

During the summer of 2019, he and his wife moved to Berlin, Germany to complete internships. There, he was a legal research assistant at the Bureau for the Implementation of Equal Treatment where he worked to create anti-racial profiling policy recommendations for the German Federal Police. Some of the work he was involved in was later submitted to the UN Council on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Currently, he is the head coder and research assistant for the BYU branch of the WomanStats Project.

2020 Brent Taylor
Scholarship Recipient



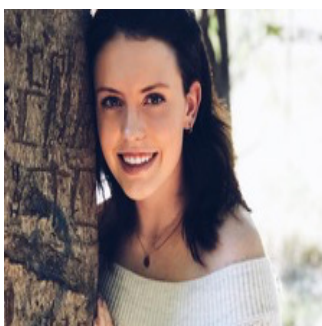
BRANDON ORULLIAN

Brandon is a senior at BYU studying Political Science and minoring in Business. He has a passion for people, loves learning about the world around him, and enjoys traveling and reading. He plans to further his education by attending law school after graduation and pursuing a career as an attorney. Brandon served a mission in San Diego, California where he spent significant time at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, working alongside future United States Marines. Among the most important things to Brandon are his family, his faith, his country, and his education. He enjoys piano, soccer, trying new restaurants, and going to jazz concerts.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

FOR 2020-21

2020 Noel and
Sydney Reynolds
Scholar



MORGAN RUSHFORTH

Morgan is an incoming sophomore at BYU. She is a political science major, minoring in international development. She is from the Washington D.C. area and is the oldest of four children.

Some of her interests include swimming, traveling, and volunteering. She hopes after her time as an undergrad at BYU, she can move on to get a PhD in political science or international development. Her dream is to one day become a professor who has expertise in Middle Eastern development.

2020 Noel and
Sydney Reynolds
Scholar



ANNA MAE WALKER

Anna Mae Walker is a Political Science Major going into her senior year at BYU. She loves dancing, other cultures, and international development. She is from Eagle, Idaho and has adored her time at BYU. She has had the opportunity to work in China, study at BYU Jerusalem, dance in multiple programs at BYU, work with BYUSA, and meet some of her closest friends including her fiancé! She is grateful for the Political Science Department at BYU.

2020 Noel and
Sydney Reynolds
Scholar



RUSSEL ANDERSON

Russel Anderson is a political science and physics student finishing his third semester.

He balances a love of math with a love of writing, and aspires to be a professor who does both. He also loves hiking, board games, video games, and reading. In March, he became an avid Tolkien fan. He lives at home in Springville with his brother and his parents and wishes he lived in a desert without snow.

2020 Stan Taylor
Scholarship Recipient



SPENCER MEDEL

Spencer was born and raised in Nampa, Idaho. After 18 great years of being in school and playing football and lacrosse, he went on a mission to Oklahoma. There he learned the Spanish language and came close to the people.

After his mission, he married the love of his life in the Salt Lake City Temple. Now he studies political science at BYU and plans to attend law school at BYU or the University of Chicago. After law school he plans to work for either the state of Idaho or Utah as a county prosecutor.

2020 Stan Taylor
Scholarship Recipient



SARA NAUMANN

Sara, along with her three brothers, was born and raised in Bremerton, Washington by her Chilean father and Finnish mother. During her senior year of high school, she lived in Mexico City, where she learned Spanish. She is currently studying international relations with an emphasis in economic and political development.

While at BYU, her experience as a TA gave her a desire to help others; she loves teaching and hopes to be able to use this desire in her future career. After graduating in 2021, she plans on gaining more experience in the workforce and eventually earning an MBA. She enjoys running, playing the piano, country swing dancing, and cooking. Three weeks ago, she got married to her wonderful husband - COVID-19 style.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

FOR 2020-21

2020 Wade Jacoby
Inspiring Learning
Scholarship Recipient



JESSICA DOFELMIRE

Jessica was born and raised in Vernal, UT and is the third of eight children. She served in the Mozambique Maputo mission. Besides politics, she enjoys sports, reading, and watching movies. During her time at BYU, she has participated in three internships, the first was at the Salt Lake office of Senator Mike Lee, the second was with BYU Law and Corpus Linguistics, and she recently returned from an international internship with the Scottish Parliament. Upon her graduation, she plans on attending law school.

2020 Wade Jacoby
Inspiring Learning
Scholarship Recipient



KESLEY POWELL

Kesley is a Sophomore studying Political Science with an emphasis in Political Strategy, and minors in History and Sociology. She is currently a research assistant for Jay Goodliffe and a research fellow with the Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy. She is interested in identity politics and the role minority groups play in the political system. In the fall, Kesley will be interning in Washington D.C. through the Washington Seminar program. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue a PhD in Political Science. In her free time, she enjoys camping, watching sports, and reading the news.



PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

Elected by
the BYU Political Affairs Society Students

Professor Wade Jacoby

Thank you, again, Professor Jacoby, for all your extraordinary service to our students. In recognition of your dedication and desire to help every one of your students, we give you this award of Professor of the Year. We miss you!



POLI SCI STORIES WINNER -
BRITTNI ANDERSON



“Since the moment I came to BYU, I was a political science major. Minors in international development, nonprofit management, and civic engagement leadership not only complimented my learning in the political science program but increased my skillset and broadened my perspective

impact on my life.

I have especially enjoyed my time serving as a Political Affairs Society officer and completing an internship in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. Following graduation, I plan to work for a few years before attending law school.

**“Since the moment I came to
BYU, I was a political science
major.”**

on the world. I have enjoyed my time at BYU, the amazing classes I’ve had, and the professors who’ve made a big

BYU has instilled in me a passion for service, and I plan on helping people with wherever my path takes me.”

“Poli Sci Stories” at BYU is a first-person video documentary series that follows undergraduate students in Political Science throughout the academic year as they give a peek into life on and off campus. Classes and events; exhibits and parties; lectures and discussions; friendships and visits from mom and dad... you will see a little bit of all of it here, through the perspective of our Cougar storytellers. Share your own PoliSci experiences this year by using #PoliSciStories. A video of the year award is presented each year to the student who created the best video.

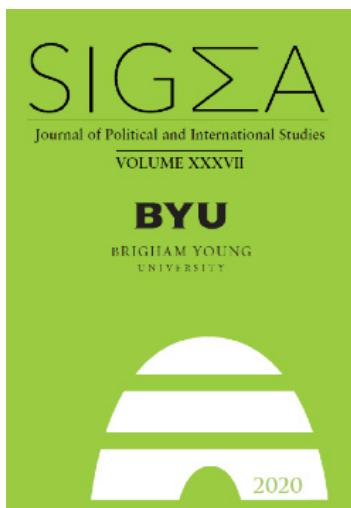


Pi Sigma Alpha is the National Political Science Honor Society, and is the only honor society for college and university students in political science in the United States. Its purpose is to recognize and promote high academic achievement in the field of political science.

Pi Sigma Alpha inductees

Brittni Anderson	Anna Carlson
McKell McIntyre	Austin Brady
Alyssa Doig	Jessica Gillich
Chris Howse	Owen Bates
Harrison Mayer	Andrew Elliot
Nicholas Foote	Damon Bedgisoff
Sofia Broadbent	Dustin Gubernick
Ben Tidwell	Layla Shabaan
Miranda Olsen	Eliza Bennett

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Our Political Science and International Relations Journal, Sigma, Volume 37, 2020, was published in April 2020 with articles from Matt Easton and Patricia Franks, Lillie Haggard, Lauren Olsen, Pearce Solomon and Sean Peterson, and Kayla Jackson.

Congratulations to all our authors!

Sigma, the undergraduate student journal for Political Science and International Relations, is published every April and is edited entirely by students. We publish approximately 5-10 articles every year and encourage any student in Political Science, International Relations, or related fields to submit their papers. We usually select papers in September and December but new submissions are accepted all year long. Being published in Sigma looks great on a resume or graduate school application, and every published paper is awarded at least \$100.

The three best papers in Sigma are selected for the Political Science department's G. Kevin Jones Writing Award and receive prizes of \$1000,

\$750, and \$500, respectively. You can view new articles and past editions at Sigma's website or at BYU's Scholars Archive online:

<http://politikos.byu.edu/Sigma/>
https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/sigma/all_issues.html

We are accepting submissions now for next year's Sigma. Any BYU undergraduate paper qualifies, even if you are no longer a student. We accept all kinds of papers: qualitative, quantitative, experimental; shorter research notes, book reviews, policy briefs, and longer research papers. The only requirement is that you are willing to spend time during Fall or Winter semester making revisions to your paper, based on feedback from Sigma's editors and a faculty member. See

our website for submission information. Submit your paper now!

Congratulations to the G. Kevin Jones Sigma Writing Award winners for 2020

1st: Lauren Olsen:

"Uneven Influence: Why Female Representation Affects Some Migration Policies But Not Others":
\$1000.00.

2nd: Kayla Jackson: *"The Fairer Sex? Understanding the Link Between Gender and Corruption":*
\$750.00

3rd: Matt Easton & Patricia Franks: *"Tell Us About Yourself": Does Sexuality Hurt Perceived Success in College":*
\$500.00.



1st Place Winner, G. Kevin Jones Writing Award

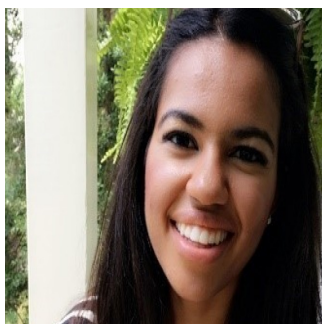
LAUREN OLSEN

Lauren Olsen is a graduate of Brigham Young University. She received a bachelor's degree in International Relations and was a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. After graduating, Lauren worked as a political analyst for Fundación para el Análisis y los Estudios Sociales, a think tank in Madrid run by the former prime minister of Spain. Lauren has been published on their website and magazine, as well as in numerous other journals and outlets. She has participated in several original research studies and was invited to present her research in 2019 at the Claremont UC Undergraduate Research Conference on the European Union in California. She is currently working as a consultant and Beacon Group Consulting in Portland, ME. Lauren loves travel, picnics, and Post-It notes.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

G. KEVIN JONES SIGMA
WRITING AWARD WINNERS

2nd Place Winner,
G. Kevin Jones Writing
Award



KAYLA JACKSON

Kayla Jackson is from Washington D.C. and is a recent graduate from BYU, earning a BA in Political Science and a business minor. Throughout the course of her undergraduate studies, Kayla worked in the Utah state legislature, studied abroad in Jerusalem and London, and interned at the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington D.C. Kayla currently works as a Marketing Coordinator at FamilySearch, and in her spare time, studies for the LSAT as she plans to apply to law school this fall.

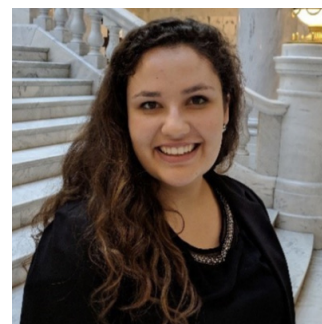
3rd Place Winner,
G. Kevin Jones Writing
Award



MATTHEW EASTON

Matthew Easton graduated as the 2019 Political Science valedictorian with a major in Political Science and a minor in Professional Writing and Rhetoric. He previously served as the President of the Political Affairs Society and Pi Sigma Alpha, and is a recipient of the Garth Jones Outstanding Scholar Award. During his time at BYU, Matt worked as a research assistant to Dr. John Holbein and as fellow to the Center of the Study of Elections and Democracy (CSED). He interned with the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva and researched public policy in New Delhi, India. Matt most recently worked as a political organizer with the Pete Buttigieg presidential campaign. His interests lie in public policy and political behavior, which he plans to pursue in graduate studies next year. In his spare time, Matt enjoys skiing, playing piano, and eating ramen.

3rd Place Winner,
G. Kevin Jones Writing
Award



PATRICIA FRANKS

Patricia/Trish Franks is a graduating senior at Brigham Young University majoring in Political Science with a minor in International Development. She is passionate about public policy and education development. At BYU she enjoyed sparking new curiosity as a teaching assistant in introductory Political Science classes. She researched with Professor Hawkins' Impact Evidence project and interned at a School of Agriculture (SAFI) in Malawi running impact evidence research for the organization. Trish also interned in Washington D.C. at the Department of Education Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs. She has accepted an offer with Teach for America and this fall will be teaching 6th grade history in Boston for the next two years. After her classroom experience, she plans on pursuing a MPA/MPP and working for international educational equity. She is so thankful for the many good things BYU has brought in her life and cannot begin to express her gratitude.

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Eliza Bennett, President

I am a senior majoring in political science and minoring in international development. I am passionate about public policy and hope to pursue either a Master's or Ph.D. in public policy after I graduate. My personal research passions are gender and representation in policy, as well as an area focus on Sub-Saharan Africa. Through both PAS and the Global Politics Lab, I have been able to work closely with professors throughout the department, which has blessed my life and made me a better researcher and person. This is my second year serving in PAS leadership and I am looking forward to a great year!



Kennedy Gerratt, Vice President

I am an incoming senior majoring in political science. I am from Houston, Texas and love all things politics and history. I am planning on taking a year or two off after graduation and working at a construction management firm before applying to law school. Ultimately, I would love to end up somewhere on the East Coast working as either a campaign lawyer or a museum curator. This is my third year serving in the PAS presidency and I have loved the opportunities I've been given to meet other poli sci students and work with the faculty.



BYUPAS / Pi Sigma Alpha 2020-2021 officers

Abby Woodfield, Advertising	Michaela Bevin, Secretary
Grant Frazier, Informed/ Advertising	Kaity Marquis, Social Media
Kaitlyn Long and Olivia DeMordaunt, Events	David Clove, Historian
	Jackson Berthold, Treasurer

Congratulations and thank you to our Executives for 2019-2020: BYUPAS / Pi Sigma Alpha 2019-2020 officers

Jake Jensen, President	Braydon Madson, Treasurer
Kennedy Gerratt, Vice President	Jacque Thomson, Social Media
Brittni Anderson, Events	Arthur West, Historian
Owen Bates, Secretary	Madeline Beck, Women in Politics
Eliza Bennett, Publicity/ Advertising	Elden Griggs, INFORMED
Eden Garcia, Volunteer Coordinator	

STUDENTS SPOTLIGHTS

PLANS FOR AFTER
GRADUATION



Jennifer Murphy Baker: starting a job as paralegal for Park City, Utah.

Coleman J Packer: I am super fortunate and privileged to have landed an awesome job on the Human Resources/Employee Relations team of a telecommunications company. This is a field I am very interested in and passionate about. I look forward to beginning my career.



Jake Alexander Jensen: I will attend law school and plan to pursue a career in corporate law.

Kendall Louise Runyan: Find a job that I love, that allows me to fight for people and the environment.

Sheiyenne Nellena Baloo: studying for LSAT and applying to Law School

Jared Austin Rezendes: Obtaining work experience in Salt Lake City before moving on to Washington, D.C. with my wife to pursue a job with the Department of State.

Andrew Lee Jordan: I am currently working with an international petrochemical company and I am loving it! My family and I were able to move back to where I grew up to help grow Zion where I was planted.



Sofia Marette Broadbent: Moving to Washington, DC to work in the U.S. Senate

Jeremy Jacob Lance: I will go to Southern Utah University to pursue a Master of Public Administration. I hope to work in government, especially if I have the chance to speak Arabic while I work.

Tanner Shane Lyon: Heading to Law School



Joanna Burstedt: attending law school this fall at the University of San Diego to pursue a career in environmental law.



Katrina Annette Cole: I will be attending BYU Law School in the Fall.



Seth Deliverance Gillespie:

This fall I will begin pursuing my Master's degree at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). I will be studying International Relations broadly with special concentrations in Strategic Studies and International Economics. I will be studying from the SAIS Europe Campus in Bologna, Italy for the first year of my program, and Washington D.C. for the second. This program will give me the unique opportunity to study topics from both European and American perspectives.



Glen Krebs: I will be attending Vanderbilt Law School in the Fall of 2020.

Pearce Curtis Solomon: I will be continuing to do research with Dr. Goodliffe and hopefully publishing several research articles while I work at Y2 Analytics. I eventually hope to go to grad school for either a Ph.D. in Political Science, Statistics or a related field. Now that I don't have any school keeping me down, I suppose I also ought to take dating a little more seriously.

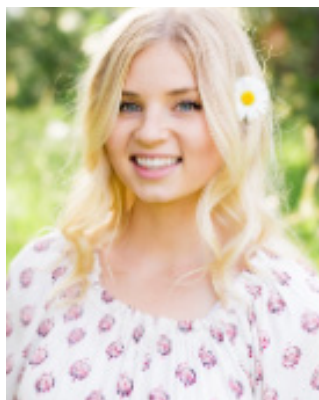
STUDENTS SPOTLIGHTS

PLANS FOR AFTER
GRADUATION



Janessa James: I plan on making a difference in people's lives using the tools given to me by BYU. I'm going to be working as a Project Manager and Strategist at a start-up, and hope to help grow their clientele.

Tanner Shane Lyon:
Heading to Law School



Katherine Yvonne Kramer: I received a position at a local nonprofit called Rising Star Outreach. This organization works with local staff in India to help empower the communities in India's leprosy colonies. I will be the Sponsor a Child Manager, which means I will be facilitating the fundraising efforts for our education program.

Garrett Burk Hostetter:
BYU Law School

Hunter James Davies: I plan to go to law school.



Nathan Scott McQuarrie: While my immediate plans are still in flux, I plan on eventually pursuing a master's degree in International Affairs. After that, I plan on pursuing a career in business or government. My ultimate dream would be to one day run for Congress and do as much good as I can in that branch of government. Whatever career I pursue though, I hope to contribute as much as I can to society, to my country, and to the world at large.

Katrina Annette Cole: I will be attending BYU Law School in the Fall.

Madison April Bushong: moving to D.C. to intern (and hopefully get a job) with nonpartisan nonprofit called Free the Facts.

Rebecca Cass: enter the nonprofit sector with an international nonprofit.

Aerin Amelia Burns: working as a policy analyst until I attend law school and eventually become a mother!

Drew Taylor Petersen: I will be attending BYU Law in the fall, looking to enter into litigation and trial advocacy.

Brittini Anderson: I plan to work for a few years before attending law school. BYU has instilled in me a passion for service, and I plan on helping people with wherever my path takes me

Madison April Bushong: moving to D.C. to intern (and hopefully get a job) with nonpartisan nonprofit called Free the Facts.



Samantha Jane Kathlyn Pearse:
I am planning on working for a year and then going on to grad school to get my PhD.



Robert Andrew Richards: This fall, I will begin my graduate studies at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University.

POLI SCI GRADUATES

Congratulations!

Melody Allred
Joanna Burstedt
Rachel Carre
Katrina Cole
Kami Dixon
Jacob Dunn
Noelle Goodine
Paul Gunderson
Alex Guzzwell
Rachel Hansen
Jacob Harris
Dani Hogan
Preston Hughes
Kayla Jackson
Jens Jimenez
Andrew Jordan
Caitlin Klundt
Rebekka Loderup
Chance Mataalii
Samantha Michon
Emily Ogden
Coleman Packer
Colton Quist
Cheyenne Rivera
Casey Roper
Kendall Runyan
Rebecca Russavage
Rachel Schaer
Michaela Shurts
Jake Summers
Hunter Tolbert
Simeon Toronto
Tymon Zhou
Chase Acheson
Andrew Allen
Brittni Anderson
Chase Ashment
Jeni Baker
Sheiyenne Baloo
Alex Bass
Madeline Beck
Josh Bennion
Bryson Blaylock
Malah Bleyl
Sofia Broadbent
Rachel Brown
Kaitlin Cabot

Alex Call
Madison Caress
Rebecca Cass
Michael Coleman
Jennica Collette
Elvira Correa Lazaro
Ammon Dunn
Edie Ellison
Seth Foster
Carmen Patricia Franks
Jordan Gage
Seth Gillespie
Nicholas Glenn
Camilia Gomez Alsina
Sam Gustafson
Naomi Hilton
Sara Hockett
Anne Elisabeth Jarman
Jake Jensen
Joseph Jett
Lauren Johnson
Shae Johnston
Daniel Klebingat
Glen Krebs
Jeremy Lance
Austen Larson
Nelson Lloyd
Jasmine Lopez
Paolo Madrid Escoto
Braydon Madson
Michael Marcantano
Nathan McQuarrie
Patrick Merkle
Tim Merrill
Camille Moffat
Maria Molina
Kunmi Ogunfeibo
Sarah Pearce
Taylor Petersen
Kole Powell
Abigail Yasu Price
Jacob Price
Aubrey Reed
Carolina Rendon
Emmanuel Reyelts
Jared Rezendes
Chelsea Rose

Daniel Ryan
Tyler Ryan
Andrew Sandstrom
Sasha Sloan
Jacquelyn Smith
Tommy Stuart
Andrew Michael Thompson
Grace Villatoro Zaldana
Jefferson Washburn
Hyrum Weiler
Arthur West
Colt Williams
Erin Wong
Devin Wright
Henry Wright
Daniel Wyatt
Jamie Bjazevich
Aerin Burns
Madison Bushong
Hailey Hannigan
Anna Heaton
Christopher Heinz Howse
Davide Huckvale
Janessa James
Katherine Kramer
Kate Lloyd
Tanner Lyon
Mallory Matheson
Samantha Pearse
Andrew Richards
Helaman Sanchez
Stone Wilson
Daniel Corbett
Hunter Davies
Nick Foote
April Garcia
Elise Hall
Keaton Hill
Garrett Hostetter
Lisl Karony
Ari Richins
Pearce Solomon
Hunter Thomas
Jacque Thompson
Britton Tree
Kenny Welling
Natalie White



“Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve”

Student Quote Graduation Class 2020

Braydon Madson, Valedictorian

Congratulations Cougars! After an unexpected twist to our semester, we have finally made it! While we won't get to have the graduation we envisioned, I hope each of us will take time to reflect on our time at BYU and express gratitude for the privileges of attending this amazing school and being part of an exceptional department.

One of the most profound things I learned at BYU is the concept of “privilege”, a word that can mean many things to different people and contexts, but one I hope we can all think about critically. I am sure many of us were told that it was a privilege to attend BYU. Throughout our college experience, I am also sure that many of us became aware of the other privileges that we do or do not possess. These privileges could be related to our race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, gender, religion, or sexual orientation. Whether positive or negative, we don't have a choice with what privileges nature and society give us. The only thing we get to decide is what we will do with these privileges; we can use them to our own advantage, or we can use them to help others. Whatever our individual, private privileges are, we have a responsibility to use them to benefit others. The same is true for the opportunity and privilege of being a political science major at BYU. We had the blessing to learn from talented peers and brilliant professors. We were given so much opportunity at this university, and we have an obligation to utilize those privileges to bless the downtrodden, marginalized, oppressed, and forgotten. I hope wherever our individual paths take us, we will remember that after the privilege of learning, we have a mandate to serve. If we do this, then we will be living up to our privilege as BYU graduates.