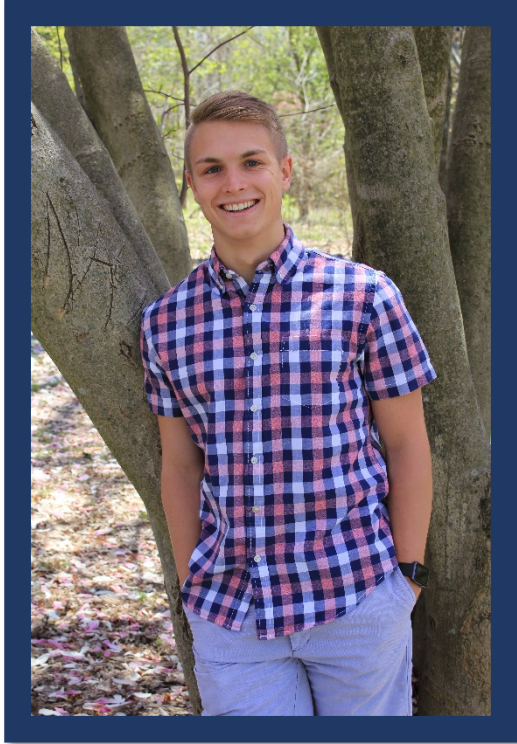


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Nicholas Sauer, Biology and Philosophy



My name is Nicholas Sauer and I am an undergraduate majoring in Biology and Philosophy and minoring in Chemistry. I began my education in fall of 2018 and immediately joined a research lab, studying physiological tradeoffs in side-blotched lizards due to anthropogenic climate change. While this was a life-altering experience, it helped me realize that research isn't quite the career for me. That is when I added my philosophy major and set out to attend law school. I have been involved in many clubs and service activities during my time here, chief among them is my leadership role in the USU Newman Club. The Newman Club is where Catholic students on campus find their home through sacraments, bible studies, service activities, and simply hanging out. I have also served an Americorps term of service with the Utah Conservation Corps, am involved with the USU Students for Life, and have volunteered with Aggie Outdoor Volunteers and the USU Sustainability Club. Outside of school, work, and extra-curricular I love to utilize the mountain culture of Cache Valley. I am an avid snowboarder, hiker, swimmer, and backpacker. Logan canyon and the surrounding mountain provide ample opportunity for me to explore and appreciate the natural beauty of Logan and Utah State. Upon graduation in May 2021 I plan to attend law school. There I hope to gain the skill and accolades required to change the world systematically, via Pro Bono work or politics. Community engagement has always been important to me, which is why I want to help those who need it most in all communities. I am incredibly thankful for all I am learning in my undergraduate career, and passionately look forward to what I am trying to achieve.