



Richard T. Portwood is graduating in April with a BA in International Relations and a minor in Economics. Richard served as Utah Valley University's Student Body President from 2010 - 2011. In addition to his position at UVU, Richard was elected as the President of the Utah Student Association where he advocated in behalf of all college students in Utah. During Richard's tenure as student body president he organized and led two delegations of 30 fellow student body presidents from across the country to visit the Russian Federation. As a result of these unprecedented visits and several others, including a meeting with Russian President Medvedev, along with extensive work with the Library of Congress' Open World Leadership Center and the U.S. and Russian governments, Richard recently co-founded and serves as the Executive Director of a non-profit organization - The Center for American-Russian Engagement of Emerging Leaders (CAREEL). The non-profit organization, co-founded with students across the country, facilitates similar exchange programs, known as the Kremlin Fellowship Program, and sustains a collaborative rapport and trusted network between the next generation of American and Russian leadership.