



# Jarrett James Lash

**14th UNA-USA Youth Observer to the United Nations**



## About the UNA-USA Youth Observer to the UN

The UNA-USA Youth Observer to the UN elevates youth voices in the global policy dialogue around international issues. For a one-year term, an American between the ages of 18-25 is selected to engage and connect young people in the U.S. to the work of the United Nations. The Youth Observer travels throughout the United States to discover the issues important to young Americans and serves as a youth delegate at UN conferences. The most critical role of the Youth Observer is to engage young Americans in the work of the UN, empowering them to be active participants to foster a greater global impact.

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**Jarrett James Lash** is proud to serve at the 14th UNA-USA Youth Observer to the United Nations. He is a community planner and housing strategist working at the intersection of public service, land use, and sustainability. He currently serves as the Township Planner for Upper Merion Township, one of Pennsylvania's fastest-growing municipalities, where he leads long-range planning and land development for a township Fortune ranked the second best place in the nation for families, home to the third largest mall in America.

A dedicated advocate for youth engagement and housing, Jarrett serves on the Board of the HealthSpark Foundation and as a Youth Advisor to the Youth Housing Coalition, where he has supported community-led initiatives in Atlanta and Detroit. His previous experience includes shaping modular housing strategies at RSL Homes, contributing as a member of the Montgomery County, PA Homeless Task Force, and furthering his academic pursuits as a Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Vibrant Communities Fellow and a Manhattan Institute State and Local Policy Collegiate Associate.

Jarrett's work with the United Nations Association of the United States of America included serving as Lead Ambassador for a Sustainable Future and co-organizing the inaugural Sustainable Communities Summit, which brought together stakeholders from across the country to discuss the future of our cities. He holds a B.A. in Global Liberal Studies from New York University, where he concentrated in Politics, Rights, and Development and studied in New York City, Paris, Shanghai, and Abu Dhabi. His senior thesis examined the political economy of housing affordability in the United States.

The son of a former UN Peacekeeper, Jarrett brings a commitment to building trust in civic institutions, a belief in practical problem-solving, and a vision for communities where everyone can build a future.



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