

## Public Diplomacy Council Biographical Sketch

Abby Hotchkiss is a recent graduate of the University of San Diego, where she received a degree in International Relations with a minor in International Business. She is an incoming intern at Vital Voices, where she will be assisting the Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship Team for Spring 2021. Prior to this she served as an intern in Congresswoman Susan Davis's (CA-53) District Office in San Diego. In this role, she worked closely with staff and constituents to assist them with opening cases with federal agencies and addressing concerns regarding federal, state and local policies.

Abby was introduced to the public diplomacy sector through an internship with the San Diego Diplomacy Council during the summer and fall of 2019. There, she had the opportunity to work closely with the Executive Director to support community outreach efforts and event operations. Based on her work with the San Diego Diplomacy Council, Abby was nominated and selected as a 2020 Global Ties U.S. Emerging Leader. As an Emerging Leader, Abby attended the Global Ties U.S. National Meeting, where she had the opportunity to explore her interest in public diplomacy. She looks forward to building upon these experiences and furthering her understanding of public diplomacy as she begins her career in Washington, D.C.