Charlie Nitschelm, a student at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) studying mechanical engineering and physics, actively leads SEDS-USA as Chair of the Board of Directors. Before being elected on the national level, Charlie founded and remains the President of UNH SEDS, a team of 30 students working to develop New Hampshire’s first hybrid rocket for the Spaceport America Cup competition during the Summer of 2020. Under Charlie’s lead, the local SEDS chapter has grown to become the largest and most interdisciplinary engineering organization at UNH in three short years. Outside of university, Charlie was awarded a Matthew Isakowitz Fellowship where he interned at Rocket Lab as a manufacturing engineer. After graduation in May 2020, Charlie will move to Hawthorne, California to start his full-time job as a build engineer on Starship, SpaceX’s next vehicle destined to bring humans to Mars. Charlie hopes to bring a unique perspective to the space policy panel at Ascension 2020 representing the US student perspective.