

Name: Mary Collins

Year: 03

Major: Global Studies

Qualifications:

Auburn Student Recruiter: Fall 2019-Current

Catholic Student Organization, Council Member: Spring 2019-Current

Kappa Kappa Gamma, Primary Recruitment Director: Fall 2020-Current

Panhellenic Sorority Member: Pi Chi 2020

Hope United Gymnastics Special Athletes (H.U.G.S) Coach: Fall 2019-Spring 2020

Platform:

At Auburn, I have had the rare opportunity to major in Global Studies, which was added less than ten years ago. In my Global Studies classes, my professors stressed the importance of the Problem Based Learning or PBL approach. The focus of PBLs is solving open-ended problems and motivating students to seek a deeper understanding of concepts while completing PBL deliverables in small groups. I was encouraged to research every aspect of the task whether it is definitions, solutions, causes, or effects. Completing these classes has taught me how to approach multifaceted issues head-on and understand them from aspects that are outside of my personal perspectives and social identities.

During my time at Auburn, I have been chosen to participate in Student Recruiters. This group of selective students is a representation of Auburn's student population on campus tours. Together these Student Recruiters represent Auburn's large range of student experiences that can be obtained during their time at the University. This is crucial for recruiting incoming Freshman that will experience a large array of exposure to the Auburn Family. In this experience, I have been able to interact with countless numbers of potential students that will continue to make Auburn a more divergent student body. My time in Student Recruiters has broadened my horizon to see what attracts students to Auburn.

For the center of my platform I have chosen the line of the creed that reads, "I believe in honesty and truthfulness, without which I cannot win the respect and confidence of my fellow men." The Auburn family creates a unique situation to have earnest and impactful conversations. My platform aims to create a more inclusive community within the Auburn family. My goal is to encourage the Auburn family to have honest and truthful conversations in hopes to create a more positive environment for every member of the Auburn family.

Through the Miss Auburn campaign, I will focus on four different approaches to this line of the creed: giving, learning, listening, and voting. In giving, I want the student body to have the opportunity to become more involved in their local community and learn more about the issues it

faces. I want students to learn about the positive implications of using inclusive language in their everyday life. Promoting a more open-minded experience for all students. In listening, I want students to understand that not all conversations are perfect, but engaging in critical conversations and actively listening to others is the best way to make progress. Finally, I want the students to remember how voting is one of the most significant ways to use your voice.

I have been fortunate enough to engage in an education that challenges me to grow and learn not only as a student but as an individual moving forward. It is my hope that this platform will convey a necessity for change and create a trickle-down effect that allows for these conversations to move forward in an effective way.