

**Name:** Rett Waggoner

**Year:** 03

**Major:** Finance

**Qualifications:**

SGA Senator (2 terms)

Budget and Finance Committee Chair

War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen

Auburn-Opelika Young Life Volunteer Leader

SGA Freshman Forum

**Platform:**

Every day, for 165 years, the sun has risen and set on Auburn University. Our little town has been home to future business leaders and activists, nurses and engineers, teachers and lawyers. These people started in our shoes, succeeded in changing the world, and left behind an impressive standard for excellence. Auburn's high standard is pivotal to what defines an Auburn Man or Woman.

**“Rise with Rett”** is a campaign that strives to help Auburn Students *rise* to Auburn's enduring standard, then aims to go even further. If elected your SGA President, my administration will work to *raise* the Auburn standard even higher in three distinct areas: **Student Empowerment, SGA usefulness, and the individual Student Experience.**

**I. *RAISE the standard for Student Empowerment***

Students who choose Auburn come from a myriad of locations and circumstances. No matter what our background, we take great pride in the way Auburn students actively influence our own university. Empowering students to mold and influence their own experience sets Auburn apart from our peers. But how can we include and empower more students than ever in this endeavor? Four ways to improve are as follows:

1. Empower Student Veterans through increased funding
2. Empower Graduate Students by improving health insurance options
3. Empower International Students through cultural exchange within our community
4. Empower student organizations with enhanced gameday opportunities

**II. *RAISE the standard within SGA***

Student government is the voice of the students. SGA must be more accessible, more transparent, and more practical. Four ways we can *raise* the standard within SGA are as follows:

1. Examine the SGA Election System for potential reform
2. Represent ALL students more thoroughly by adding an Executive Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
3. Create ways to be involved and helpful in SGA with lower levels of commitment
4. Promote fellowship and community through SGA-led social opportunities

### III. *RAISE the standard for YOU personally*

Above all, SGA exists for YOU, each distinct member of the Student Body. My team and I will be dedicated to improving everyday life for every student at Auburn. Four ways we hope to do this include the following:

1. Enhance the academic experience offered during COVID
2. Provide an umbrella loaner program for rainy days on campus
3. Provide students with practical forms of on-campus transportation like Bird Scooters
4. Work with Tiger Dining to establish a Late-Night Dining option near Toomer's Corner

Auburn students, I am well-prepared to promote your voice. I believe in the excellence of who we are *and* in the potential of who we can be: unified and empowered. To quote the historical marker on Ross Square, "owing much to its past, Auburn's greater debt is ever to the future." Together, we will *rise* not only to the enduring ideals in the Auburn Creed, but also to the promised possibilities of who Dean Petrie and others always knew we could be.

I ask that on February 2nd, you choose to join me, to "*Rise with Rett*", as we take our treasured Auburn to even greater heights.

Thank you and *War Eagle!*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rett Waggoner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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