

Name: Tyler Ward

Year: 03

Major: Political Science

Minor: Africana Studies, Journalism

Qualifications:

SGA College of Liberal Arts Senator

SGA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Chair

SGA AVP of Media Operations

BSU Executive Vice President of Engagement

Camp War Eagle Head Counselor, Camp Counselor

Platform:

War Eagle,

My name is Tyler Ward (he/him) and I am both thrilled and honored to take my advocacy for students to a higher level. In the midst of a global pandemic, a national reckoning with racial injustice among other landmark moments in our nation's history– it's not surprising that the Auburn community feels lost.

I felt this same sentiment stepping onto campus– having no idea where to go–both figuratively and literally. However, it wasn't long until I realized that my role on campus included helping others find their path as Auburn has helped me find mine.

Though we may not be able to walk in your shoes, this campaign promotes SGA's role in honoring your footsteps and clearing your path so that you, the individual student, can succeed and excel in your Auburn experience and beyond.

Moving forward is not what Auburn does; it's who we are. A vote for Ward is a vote for Accessibility, Accountability, and Inclusion.

And above all, a vote for Ward is a vote **FORWARD**.

forWARD in Accessibility

- Advocate for the installation of additional printers and phone charging stations throughout the student center.
- Provide free menstrual products in on-campus restrooms and in surplus throughout residence hall communities.
- Advocate for GRE/LSAT/MCAT and other graduate prep classes to be given as academic courses.
- Design a space in the Student Center for local vendors and/or coffee shops to showcase their dining options to students.

COVID- 19

- Support efforts that ensure low-income and uninsured students are able to receive a vaccine, if desired.
- Assist Student Counseling and Psychological Services in advocating for more online mental health resources.
- Create an Academic Response Team to address increasing withdrawal rates due to COVID-19.

forWARD in Accountability

- Introduce an “initiative tracker” on the SGA website to further increase our transparency and accountability with the student body.
- Develop an SGA Newsletter that informs students on all things SGA - past bills, resolutions, current initiatives, and upcoming events.
- Add a Director of Internal Affairs to SGA’s Cabinet to ensure SGA is upholding equitable practices.
- Utilize our social media to connect with students and conduct feedback through forums like “Feedback Friday”.
- Implement the Going Beyond Respect campaign, into all facets of the student experience through resources and feedback gathered from student athletes, leaders, faculty, and administrators.

forWARD in Inclusion

- Develop a Tiger Recruitment Committee in SGA’s Cabinet that intentionally works with underrepresented high schools to increase minority recruitment.
- Create Assistant Vice President Position for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to overlook SGA’s diversity initiatives through research, feedback and programming.
- Continue work on Foreign Language Exchange Program to give students the opportunity for foreign language classes with native speakers.
- Advocate for accommodations for LGBTQIA+ students to foster inclusive housing.
- Enhance Homecoming week with a WEGL fest - a music festival on the campus green that highlights student artists and entrepreneurs.
- Revive and create SGA programs like Environment Day, Cultural Awareness Week, Student Veterans Day, and Disability Awareness Week to promote campus awareness.

Sincerely,
Tyler Ward