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**Year:** 04

**Major:** Apparel Design and Production Management

**Qualifications:**

Auburn University Student Recruiters (2019-Present)

Auburn University Student Recruiters VP of Campus Events (2021-Present)

Athletic Recruiter (2019, 2021)

Camp War Eagle Counselor (2020, 2021)

Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society (2021-Present)

**Platform:**

As a two-time Camp War Eagle Counselor, I have a deep affinity for the Auburn Creed and value each artfully written stanza. Although I strive to embody every line of The Creed, there is one line that has always stood out to me. For the foundation of my platform, I have chosen the line, “I believe in education which gives me the knowledge to work wisely and trains my mind and my hands to work skillfully.” From a young age, my parents have always stressed the importance of education—not just inside of the classroom, but outside of it. I have learned that educational moments can come from day-to-day dialogue or learning opportunities we may be placed in while on life’s journey. The wisdom that I have gained through the exchange of ideals and perspectives has allowed me to seize opportunities that many people do not have the chances or resources to pursue. Oftentimes, people are not given the access to the education they desire because they have not had someone that will take the time to advocate for them or in other words, amplify their voice. To embody that stanza of the Auburn Creed, I would like to challenge the Auburn University Student Body to “Amplify with Asia.” The foundation of the Auburn Family is its students and I want to amplify their individual voices through educational moments and collaborative opportunities. As an individual who greatly values clarity and open communication, I would like to share my goals in an easily understandable way to create trust between myself and my fellow Auburn students.

Firstly, I would like to amplify the voices of the student body by providing a streamlined system of communication for students to voice their concerns and ideas to upper level university administration. I have always found that two-way, educational dialogue often results in mutual understanding, respect, and improvement. Open forums, panel discussions and technology such as mobile apps and social media provide the necessary space to have these conversations. As a third year student recruiter and member of the executive team, I have had the opportunity to come in contact with many prospective students and hear their concerns. I would also like to amplify the voices of the prospective students who will continue the legacy of the Auburn Family by strengthening recruiting efforts to provide scholarship and leadership opportunities in areas where students may not have access to some of the resources we were fortunate to receive.

With my time at Auburn coming to a close, I want to take the time to pay my education forward. I will improve the student experience by working to provide a unified voice for the student body. I am excited and honored to have the opportunity to represent Auburn in this capacity and cannot wait to further advocate for this cause. Thank You and War Eagle!