

**Name: Brandan Belser (he/him)**

**Year: 03**

**Major: Political Science**

**Qualifications:**

SGA College of Liberal Arts Senator

SGA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Chair

War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen

Camp War Eagle Counselor

SGA Lobby Board

**Platform:**

Auburn University President Ralph Brown Draughon once said, “Owing much to the past, Auburn’s greater debt is ever to the future.” As we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Auburn’s Student Government Association, we do not have to look back far to see how the Auburn Family rallies around the shared values, rich history, and diversity of our university to leave it better for those to come. It’s not what we do, it’s who we are.

In that spirit, **BOLD BRIGHT BELSER** is a campaign that aims to create a Senate whose impact will last another 100+ years.

**BOLD** – As a Senator, I had the opportunity to hear the issues of Auburn’s student military veterans. As someone who comes from a military family and has lost a family member in the line of duty, I understand the numerous hardships that military families face. Without these brave Auburn Men and Women, the “land of freedom” that George Petrie highlighted in the Auburn Creed would not be possible. **Boldly I will advocate for:**

- Veterans Day to be observed as a University Holiday.
- Military veterans to receive a University Excuse for their Military Branch’s Birthday.
- Senate to use its legislative power to permanently support the Auburn Student Veterans Association Operation Iron Ruck, a program aimed at bringing awareness to veteran suicide.
- The Student Senate to establish a Military Affairs Special Committee to investigate, research, and refer initiatives that SGA can implement at large.

**BRIGHT** – As a Committee Chair, I had a similar experience of listening to the issues and desires of Auburn’s graduate and professional students. These students contribute so much to our university through acting as graduate teaching assistants and graduate research assistants. Their contribution to our university and society continue to “train our minds and our hands to work skillfully”. **Bright future ahead Belser will:**

- Work with the next SGA Treasurer to create a new structure for allocating Student Activity Funding to Graduate and Professional Organizations.
- Advocate for Senate to use its legislative power to push for a standardized first year orientation program for all graduate and professional students.
- Advocate for Senate to establish a Graduate and Professional Student Life Special Committee to investigate and research peer university initiatives to enhance these students' experiences.

**BELSER** – My perspective from serving Auburn will allow all 31,526 students of the Auburn Family to know that their voice is heard every time I step on the Senate Floor.

- Special Committee legislation that I wrote as a Senator will allow students from organizations across campus to sit as a member of a special committee to advocate for their initiatives.
- The initiative above serves as an example of the benefits of a Senate culture shift. Organizations and groups that are underrepresented in Senate may also request non-voting Senate Liaisons that will advocate on their groups' behalf.
- The SGA website will be frequently updated and will have a request form for students to request a non-voting liaison or special committee via their senator.

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, I ask for your support because a vote for **Belser** is a **Bold, Bright** vote for an Auburn worthy of the future.

War Eagle,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Belser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brandon" and last name "Belser" clearly distinguishable.

Brandan Belser