

Name: Jake Haston

Year: 03

Major: Journalism

Minor: Business, German

Qualifications:

SGA Senator at Large (2 terms)

War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen

Student Affairs Committee Member

The Nest Member

SGA Freshman Forum

Platform:

By “**Joining Jake**” students affirm their love for Auburn, while also acknowledging that the fantastic student experience Auburn currently offers can be further improved. If elected, I will advocate for the enhancement of four key areas on campus: Academics, Student Life, SGA, and Social Advancement.

Academics

Ensuring that Auburn’s academic environment prepares students for future career pursuits is the most critical aspect of the student experience. Though Auburn’s impressive job placement rates and graduate school acceptance statistics already demonstrate the effective work of our diligent faculty, here are a few ways I will improve academics at Auburn through a student-centered philosophy.

1. Advocate for additional loanable technology options for students
2. Develop additional academic advisor accessibility
3. Ensure the completion of the Grade Replacement Policy

Student Life

Student life at Auburn is something I hope students will look back on most fondly after graduation. Therefore, promoting a vibrant and inviting campus life would be a huge focus of my administration. The following are feasible changes that will benefit the individual student at Auburn.

1. Make campus food trucks available to student organizations for official events

2. Allow students the ability to make Auburn Medical Clinic appointments online
3. Improve the student-section experience at Auburn Basketball and Baseball games

SGA

Student government on the Plains has a long history of serving the needs of the individual student. However, there are key facets of SGA that could be improved to better serve students. Through the initiatives listed below, I will promote progress in SGA to new advancements and achievements.

1. Create a new Volunteer Branch of SGA allowing students additional opportunities to serve Auburn outside of the current and more demanding SGA opportunities
2. Reform the SGA election process to make the experience less intense for candidates and students alike
3. Set clear standards and expectations for School's Council Officers

Social Advancement

Auburn celebrated several significant positive events this year in regards to social advancement. The Auburn Family witnessed the groundbreaking of the NPHC Legacy Plaza, as well as the unveiling of the specially designed desegregation marker that celebrates Harold Franklin breaking the color line at Auburn. I hope to continue Auburn's efforts to positively and tangibly affect social change through these avenues:

1. Have an open door policy where students are encouraged to come at scheduled times to the SGA President's office to discuss student issues on campus
2. Increase Auburn's visibility at underrecruited Alabama High Schools
3. Work with high school academic counselors to ensure prospective students are aware of all new scholarship and financial aid opportunities

Auburn students, know that you can trust me to always advocate for your needs and that I will devote myself to making your Auburn experience as rich as possible. I hope you **Join Me** on Friday, February 4th, in striving to make the best university in the country even better.

Thank you and War Eagle!

Jake Haston