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Qualifications:

Panhellenic Sorority Vice President of Harm Reduction
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Platform:

I have wanted to be an Auburn Woman since I was my Pop's football buddy when I was in kindergarten. The opportunity to represent and share my heart for Auburn in this way is an incredible honor. My platform is centered around the creed stanza, "I believe in the human touch, which cultivates sympathy with my fellow men and mutual helpfulness and brings happiness for all". I want to focus on the positive and healing side of human touch in the Auburn Creed. Everyone needs support and human connection to heal, be successful, and live a fulfilled life. Through my time at Auburn, I have been wonderfully supported, loved, and cared for because of the men and women at this university. I want everyone here to know they are a valuable part of Auburn's history and always have a support system to be their happiest self.

My platform is centered around Sexual Assault Awareness. Everyone at Auburn should feel as though they can speak out about their trauma, get help and know they have a support system. Auburn should be a safe and secure place for anyone who has the honor to live in our beautiful town. I want to make sure the Auburn Family knows what resources are available and where they are located while also preparing students for those conversations. Education is a huge component of ensuring students know how to deal with these kinds of sexual assault situations. Every individual should know what steps to take and where to find help. No one should ever feel that they are alone or unsupported. This is where the "human touch" idea is so important. You can be supported in many ways such as a conversation, a hug or a listening ear. Every student on campus should feel this type of support when going through any traumatic or difficult situation.

Everyone has a different story, experience and ways of coping. I have many ideas of ways we can better support our community. However, many minds are greater than one as they bring different perspectives, experiences and ideas that I do not know. Miss Auburn is only one individual but she supports and represents the student body. The students are the powerhouse of Auburn. Therefore, they should be our empowered leaders for change. I will work with and listen to students' experiences in order to create the best solutions for minimizing the amount of sexual assault occurrences. My goal as Miss Auburn is to be a trustworthy individual who serves unheard voices while working with Auburn University, the Auburn community and each student. This platform will focus on creating awareness and support for existing resources while ensuring new education, resources and safety procedures are put in place.

Thank you & War Eagle,
Renae Washburn