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As a Miss Homecoming candidate, my platform is centered around the following line of the Auburn creed:

I believe in my country, because it is the land of freedom and because it is my own home, and that I can best serve that country by 'doing justly, loving mercy and walking humbly with my God'.

My life after graduating from Auburn will vary from most college graduates. I will be commissioned into the United States Army as a 2nd Lieutenant, and hopefully be assigned to active duty as a field artillery officer. Because of my military commitment, I have chosen the above lines in the creed for my platform, as I believe in my country. Having Auburn as my home has been an immense blessing, and I want to make sure that the Auburn experience is the best it can be for all students, including our student-veterans and those affiliated with the military. I will partner with the student veterans to help make Auburn a welcoming and supportive community for our military, specifically student-veterans.

My platform for Miss Homecoming, “*Make It* with McNairy,” is centered around helping make Auburn a supportive home for all. With Auburn’s proximity to Fort Benning and Maxwell Air Force Base, we have the privilege of having many student-veterans join our community. My hope is for Auburn to support these students to help *Make It* home. I want to *Make It* known that the Auburn student body supports our veterans and that we are thankful for the sacrifices made.

Make It Home. Auburn is home to over 350 student veterans and 1300 dependents. As a community, we need to do more for the student-veterans than simply host an annual homecoming tailgate and operation Iron Ruck. I propose that we host more events for student-veterans and their families.

Make It Known. Throughout my campaign, I will focus on raising awareness for our classmates. I will have different initiatives to support student-veterans. It is my hope that we can maximize the amount of financial support for this office.

Throughout my time at Auburn, I have been blessed to be surrounded by a community who supports and loves me. Auburn has been recently named as one of the most military friendly universities, but I believe we can do better and do more to support our military families and student-veterans. Our veterans make great sacrifices to defend our nation and freedom, and as an Auburn student, I hope to raise the bar to ensure Auburn remains a top supporter of the US military. I want Auburn’s military families and student-veterans to feel the love and support from the university and to receive the same love and support that I have been given as a student.