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**Year:** 02

**Major:** Finance

**Clubs/Organizations:** FMA, ASIF, SGA, Phi Delta Theta fraternity

**Qualifications:** Finance major, financial projects on SGA, Treasury committee for fraternity, analyst at multiple nonprofit investment funds

**Platform:**

By “Saving with Saavedra”, Auburn students are ensuring their financial future, while simultaneously seeking to improve Auburn’s current economic structure. If elected, I will advocate for change in three areas: diversity, equity, and inclusion initiative (DEI Initiative), personal finance education, and securing financial resources vital for students to succeed.

***DEI Initiative***

With my DEI Initiative, I plan to ensure every student has an equal chance at succeeding financially, despite what background they may come from. Deciding to come to Auburn as a Hispanic student from California was a decision that was the restart I needed, especially being one of the only people from my hometown coming to this university. I dreamed of going to a school with a huge football team and a student section with many enthusiastic fans. My hometown of Fresno, CA is predominantly Hispanic and centered around agriculture. Being a Latino myself, I have found that financial literacy is something Hispanic kids are not often taught from their parents. My father immigrated to the United States from Guatemala. As a son of an immigrant, personal finance has been one of the biggest issues I have wanted to solve and I plan to use my campaign to resolve the issue.

***Personal Finance Education***

Second, I want to focus on financial literacy for all students. Similar to the program already in place, “Connecting the Creed”, I want to establish a mandatory training program surrounding financial literacy so that all students have the knowledge they need to manage their own money. As of now, we plan on continuing to develop iGrad by having colleges around the country use it and require it in some of the freshman classes, where it would be a mandatory financial literacy training.

***Financial Resources for Students***

Lastly, I think that all students should have Auburn’s support when looking forward to their futures. If elected, I will make certain that Auburn assists its students, not only academically, but also financially. I will ensure a program such as Quizlet Plus or a similar program will be paid for by the University, as this platform holds the sole purpose of improving students’ finances.

My fellow students, I seek to improve the current financial nature of your academic experience here at Auburn. I will wholeheartedly work towards improving your time and money here at this University and I hope that you will start Saving with Saavedra! I will see you on the concourse.

Thank you and War Eagle!

Jacob Saavedra