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I have recently reflected on the gift and opportunity it is to get to show and receive love by the students on Auburn's campus. Through my Miss Auburn platform I have had the privilege to focus on unifying all of the unique organizations, generations, and passions that make up what it means to be part of the Auburn family. I aim to bring awareness to the importance of differences while enacting change to unify Auburn's students through building connections that bridge gaps between various people on campus. My goal through this platform is for each member of the Auburn Family to be able to cultivate stronger connections on and off campus to enhance their Auburn experience and to prepare students more for life succeeding graduation. The heart behind this platform is my love for the Auburn Family, and subsequently human touch.

The line of the creed "I believe in the human touch, which cultivates sympathy with my fellow men and mutual helpfulness and brings happiness for all." is what has inspired much of my platform. While reflecting on what it means to believe in and to encourage "sympathy with my fellow men", "mutual helpfulness", and "happiness for all", I realized that this is something that is unique and specific for each individual but can be concisely put as the "human touch". The aim of my platform is to encourage students to celebrate differences and excite confidence in their Auburn story, while having the understanding that these differences each have a special role in what makes Auburn home.

Regarding students' time on campus, there are a plethora of opportunities to get involved and make Auburn feel like home to each individual. The aim of my platform is to encourage people with diverse views and interests to be unified and work together to build the Auburn Family, instead of differences being something that is divisive. Working together can not only deepen relationships but also help organizations be more effective in their respective initiatives.

While pursuing interests during one's time at Auburn is fundamental to someone's Auburn story, our College years ultimately are a building block onto life after our four years. This is where my platform strives to encourage students to commit to engaging in more relationships with faculty, staff, alumni, and mentors who want to serve Auburn and foster relationships with students. I aim to set in action programs that foster these relationships and make them more accessible to all generations.

Through my platform of unity across Auburn's campus I aim to make each member of the Auburn Family feel encouraged to enhance their student experience as well as their time after college through fostering deeper relationships and sustaining gaps across campus. I am eager to get to share more of my heart for auburn with each of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Preston". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Kate" and last name "Preston" clearly legible.

Kate Preston