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Major: Apparel Merchandising- Product Design and Management (Apparel Design)

Qualifications:

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Vice President of Engagement for The Black Student Union

Chair of Information and Technology for the Kappa Upsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Chair of Academic Success for the Kappa Upsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society

College of Human Sciences Ambassador

As Miss Auburn, I will advocate for a more equitable campus climate that explores ways to make the overall cost of attendance less expensive for current and incoming Auburn students. My overall goal will be to prevent the cost of attendance from being the deciding factor for students' ability to join or stay in the Auburn Family. My platform is broken into 5 parts that are further explained by the AUBIE acronym:

A- Advocate for more Affordable Housing

- Many students are concerned about their ability to get affordable on-campus housing options because of the recent demolition of the Hill residential community. Acquiring housing is a huge issue for many Auburn students, and I believe that all who want to experience on-campus housing should have the ability to do so.

U- Help Students Understand Financial Aid

- I want to work with Financial Aid to make their services more transparent and widely accessible across campus. I would like to create a student ambassador position that works as a liaison between the students and the financial aid office. These ambassadors can do tabling events in which current and incoming students can have the opportunity to ask questions about financial aid awards, navigating AUSOM, and student loans.

B- Bring Tuition Increases to a Halt

- The recent increase in tuition prices over the summer came as disappointing news for many students. Some students are still struggling with the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Imposing a tuition increase placed a heavier burden on the students already struggling to pay tuition costs. I will encourage Auburn to find ways to prevent future tuition increases for a period of time.

I- Increase Merit-based Scholarships

- The biggest scholarships awarded by the university are based on high school success which is before students' freshman year. That is a great way to attract top students to Aub

- urn, however, I believe that Auburn should expand merit scholarships to reward students for their academic success during their time here. This will encourage academic achievement and give students another means of financial support.

E- Student Employment

- Student employment is an excellent means for earning money, jobs have flexible hours, and are typically in a location centralized to classes. Working on campus is also another avenue to gain valuable work experience in various departments throughout the university. I would like to share the plethora of student employment opportunities with my peers and how these can ease financial concerns.

I believe in Auburn, and I believe that bridging the financial gap within the Auburn Family will further encourage retention and recruitment efforts. Thank you for taking the time to read my platform. I hope that this resonates with you, and that Nylah Bluiett is your choice for Miss Auburn on February 3rd!