

**Name:** Hannah Kelley

**Year:** 04

**Major:** Biomedical Sciences, Pre-Medicine track

**Qualifications:**

Executive Student Council President and VP of the College of Science and Mathematics

Auburn University Learning Assistant for the Dept. of Physics and Biology

Our House Ministry Volunteer

Mercy Medical Ministry and Clinic Volunteer

Auburn University Campus Kitchens Volunteer

**Platform:**

One of my favorite things about Auburn is the community that surrounds our campus. Throughout my time at Auburn, I have had the opportunity to volunteer with two local organizations in our community. This experience has not only shaped my time at Auburn University but has exposed me to the many needs of the Auburn community.

Over the past two years, I have volunteered at Our House Ministries. As a volunteer, I pour into children in our community each week by tutoring them in reading and writing. This has had the unintended effect of educating me about some of the issues people in Lee County are currently facing. I had not realized the extent of the barriers these children and their families face every day, from access to things like clothing, food, and quality education.

This past year, I have had the opportunity to volunteer at Mercy Medical. As a medical assistant, I interact with patients directly through triage and converse with them by taking their histories. This exposed me to the wide range of difficulties that prevent patients in the Auburn community from accessing quality healthcare. Some of the most obstructive factors include unreliable transportation, financial instability, and lack of support in the household. Additionally, volunteering at Mercy Medical has given me the opportunity to build relationships with patients from a variety of backgrounds, which has refined my cultural competence and respect for others.

These volunteer opportunities are what have driven my passion behind my platform, “Kinder with Kelley”. I am extremely thankful that Auburn students can receive an education on such a safe and stable campus. However, I believe that because of this, many Auburn students, including myself, live in a “bubble”. We are not exposed to the difficulties that people in our community, who live not even ten minutes away from campus, face every day.

Through my platform, I plan on highlighting the University’s outreach programs, as well as local volunteer organizations so students know where and how they can get involved. As Auburn students, we live in this town nine out of the twelve months of the year. We create traffic on the roads and wipe out the toilet paper supply to roll Toomer’s Corner. The least we can do is give back to the community that has always supported us throughout our time at this university, because that’s what the Auburn family does- we help each other.

I am excited to meet each of you and share more about my platform, as well as my dedication to serving Auburn University. Thank you and War Eagle!