

Name: Cara Herring

Year: 03

Major: Biomedical Sciences, Pre-Medicine

Minor: Public Health

Qualifications:

Senator, Student Government Association (At-Large, COSAM, Code of Laws Committee Chair)

Lobby Board, Student Government Association

Executive Board, Social Sorority

COSAM Leader, College of Sciences and Mathematics

Policy Intern, Office of the Governor of Alabama

Platform:

My time as a Senator in the Student Government Association has been a cornerstone of my time at Auburn University. It is the experience I have acquired, the knowledge I have gained, and the passion I have grown that I believe equips me to serve as the Vice President of the Student Government Association. As Vice President, I will work diligently to serve the student body, foster a productive Student Senate environment, and positively impact our campus for generations to come with three prioritized pillars: communication, collaboration, and cultivation.

Communication:

In order for the Student Senate to maximize its potential, a sustained stream of communication between Senators and constituents is crucial. As Vice President, I hope to establish improved methods of collecting feedback to ensure students feel their voice is well represented. Developing end-of-semester surveys, improving office hour information distribution, and creating specialized feedback days are initiatives I aspire to implement, as well as increasing the publication of Senate affairs for all students to access.

Collaboration:

Connectedness across campus is a trademark of Auburn University. As Vice President, I hope to enhance relations among the branches of the Student Government Association and between the Student Senate and other student organizations. In order for the Student Senate to fully represent its constituents, having an understanding of all current initiatives is imperative. Through adjunct work with the Executive Student Council, collaborative legislation with Student Service Organizations, and invitations to student organization representatives for informative presentations to the Student Senate, I hope to strengthen the ties between the Student Senate and the students represented.

Cultivation:

Striving to support relationships between Senators and all students, I aim to cultivate connections between the Student Senate and various student populations who do not presently activate a strong voice in student government, such as graduate students, international students, and student athletes. Furthermore, I hope to cultivate increased participation from the outset of a student's Auburn experience. Through partnership with the Freshman Year Office and redeveloping the Freshman Senator program, I hope to cultivate connections between incoming students and their Senators from the beginning so they may utilize their elected representatives as a resource throughout their time at Auburn University.

With humble appreciation for the experience I have gained serving students and with passion for the opportunity to continue doing so, I look forward to the potential of serving as your next Student Government Association Vice President. Said best in "What is Auburn?" by David Housel, Athletics Director Emeritus, "Unless you have experienced it, you will never understand it. Once you have experienced it, you will never be the same." I hope you will join me in making a commitment to communication, collaboration, and cultivation as we work together to enhance the Auburn experience.

Thank you and War Eagle!



Cara Herring