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Reflecting on my time here at Auburn, I am reminded of the incredible people and experiences it has brought me. I am honored to be given the opportunity to create a platform focused on finding your place here on campus. Like many students, my first years here were a whirlwind of striving and longing to feel connected to those around me. I struggled with the confusion of what I was supposed to be doing with my time and where I was supposed to be. I know here at Auburn we have similar struggles, so I hope to highlight, strengthen, and broaden our connections and relationships so fewer individuals will struggle or feel like they don't belong. My goal is to help students find their place within the student body, benefit from their place among our faculty and staff, and to show prospective students that no matter where they are from or what they are looking to pursue, their place can be found here too.

First, I want to highlight the importance of mentorship and emphasize the opportunities available for students to get plugged in. The older students that invested into my experience and showed me that I was welcomed and loved here at Auburn gave me the guidance and endurance to keep going. Connecting younger students to older students through their majors, organizations, or personal interests will give them the guidance needed when walking through the 600+ organizations, 150 majors, and the thousands of research/service opportunities in front of them.

Next, I hope to strengthen the communication between professors and students, helping students be more transparent with their needs and providing staff the opportunity to demonstrate a willingness to help. This will be done by emphasizing the importance of both clear and direct communication from the university when it comes to helping the student body. Our faculty have just as much of a place here as we do, and working together to create a space of open communication makes Auburn feel more like home for both students and staff.

Finally, I hope to emphasize to future students of Auburn that they are wanted on this campus and a community is waiting for them. I hope to do this by expanding Auburn's outreach efforts to all geographical areas, emphasizing the community that awaits people from all walks of life with different interests and goals, and creating opportunities for families in the community to get plugged in to the student body.

While every student has their own experience, we all have a longing to be connected. The people, traditions, community, and spirit are what serve to make this place a home. My personal experiences have led me to be passionate about these things and given me a desire to help all students here on campus truly find their place.

Sincerely,

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