

Name: Lily Pounders

Year: 03

Major: Biomedical Sciences, Leadership Minor

Qualifications:

COSAM Leader

Academic Support Study Partners - Peer Tutor

Panhellenic Recruitment Counselor (Pi Chi)

Women's Leadership Institute - Outreach Committee Chair

Student Government Association - Elections Council

Platform:

Lean In:

One amazing part of attending Auburn University is that you immediately become part of a unique family. By creating an avenue of transparent communication for students and alumni of all ages, we can strengthen that family. As Miss Auburn, I will create a tab on Canvas which connects students with alumni in similar career fields. I will work with the Alumni Association and Student Alumni Ambassadors to find alumni interested in working with current students. The workload would not be overwhelming for the alumni who agree, as they would simply be asked to list contact information and a brief quote about their time at Auburn and their current career. Through this, students from all backgrounds could instantly be connected to someone who will be a voice of encouragement and wisdom during their college experience. They would no longer be alone when entering Auburn as a freshman from a small community, or alone as a senior who is unsure how they can use their degree in a new career.

Listen:

Almost all colleges on Auburn's campus have ambassadors. These are well-rounded, knowledgeable students. Through my platform, I would create opportunities for freshman and sophomores to be connected with these college leaders by the formation of learning communities. The student ambassadors for each college could receive volunteer hours for working with underclassmen. The freshman and sophomores would receive an opportunity to share their current experience, receive valuable encouragement, and walk away enlightened on how to excel during their time at Auburn. Any freshman or sophomore has the choice of signing

up for a learning community through the Canvas tab and from there would be put into a community led by a college ambassador with similar career or degree interests.

Lead:

It is our responsibility as a university to take every step possible to ensure that Auburn graduates are supplied with all leadership tools they may need. If selected as Miss Auburn, I would work to create an additional section that shares valuable leadership skills with the students enrolled in the UNIV 4AA0 course. Achieve the Creed currently covers four areas: Student Core Outcomes and Readiness Evaluation, Diploma Application, Campus Engagement and Experience Survey, and First Destination Survey. By the addition of a Leadership Skills in Practice sector, Auburn graduates would be abundantly prepared for a life beyond college and sufficiently equipped for the career field. They would be able to provide feedback on how they have already been equipped with leadership skills as an Auburn student. This feedback will help with future efforts to grow leaders on Auburn's campus. Then, the course will direct them through modules on leadership approaches and theories.

Closing:

As Miss Auburn, I would be dedicated to ensuring each Auburn man and woman feels thoroughly connected to their Auburn family and adequately equipped to lead on and off campus. I eagerly look forward to seeing Auburn grow throughout this process and promise to always go above and beyond for my university.