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Qualifications:

Alpha Gamma Delta Chapter President

College of Liberal Arts Head Student Recruiter

Women's Leadership Institute Board Member

SGA Director of Hey Day

Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society

Platform: "If you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to go far, go together," I cannot think of a quote that embodies the Auburn family more. I remember the first time I stepped foot on campus and how the friendly faces I saw, the traditions I wanted to be a part of, and the excitement I felt saying "War Eagle" ignited something within me. Like for many others, this day started a love for Auburn that has only continued to grow.

I have had the privilege to serve in different capacities on campus over my three years here at Auburn. As a freshman, I was chosen as a Student Recruiter for the College of Liberal Arts. As a sophomore, I served as SGA Director of Hey Day. Now, as a senior, I'm currently serving as President of my sorority. Each role has been a unique blessing and a consistent reminder that Auburn is such a special place. It's the place that has created my definition of hard work, leadership, and community.

My campaign, "Run Your Race with Lily Grace," centers around each student's experience during their time at Auburn. I want to use my platform to call attention to our "Auburn Race" and redefine what it means to win. The Auburn Race is not a race in the traditional sense. We are not running against each other, rather, we are running **with** each other. It's not about getting through your four years as fast as possible, but about making friendships that will last a lifetime, helping those around you succeed, and making the most out of your four years. Throughout this platform, I want to encourage each student to slow down and run this race together - as one Auburn Family.

A crucial part of Homecoming Week is welcoming back our Auburn alumni. To me, their willingness to support their alma mater is a testament to how impactful their Auburn race was. Auburn is extremely unique in that we have a dedicated alumni base that is willing to help our students as much as they can. I believe that with more visibility, we can foster impactful mentorships between the alumni and the student body.

During Homecoming Week, I hope to encourage students to slow down and reflect on their time at Auburn. Have they joined that club, gone to that sporting event, or signed up for that research project - ultimately, what will define their "race" at Auburn? By highlighting campus resources and organizations to mentorship opportunities and unique traditions, my platform centers around ensuring all students are fully aware of the different ways they can engage with the Auburn family. I realize it can be hard to have lofty goals outside the classroom, however, I am finally able to appreciate how short, and special, our time here truly is. I hope to inspire students to invest in their time on campus and graduate being proud of the race they ran at Auburn. War Eagle!