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Qualifications:

COSAM learning assistant

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Platform: Being a student at Auburn has come with countless life lessons that I will take with me forever, but most of all it has taught me the importance of investing in the community that Auburn offers. College has so much potential to change your life by providing elevated education, extracurricular opportunities, and most of all a supportive community. I am not saying that college is all easy and fun by any means. In fact, my freshman first semester was hard, which is a common theme. This period is filled with a balance of adapting to college-level academics and finding where you fit in the Auburn narrative. If not managed and supported, the gift of college can quickly turn into a battle for mental health. Being a COSAM student, you know that school is not easy, and it can heap stress on your plate rapidly. The sad thing is so many people live this reality and miss out on the best gift that Auburn has to offer. This is a loving community, and you can find it in every area that you will go to in college. I have been blessed to be surrounded by people who love and support me everywhere I go, and I have had the opportunity to celebrate with these people in their highs and be there for them at their lows. This alone was the shift in my experience at Auburn, and it is waiting for anyone who is willing to lean into the wonderful student body this place has. As Vice President, I want to lead by continuing to turn COSAM into a family that knows and supports each other. I want to make everyone more aware of the endless resources that Auburn has to offer such as the Peer Advising, Drop-in Center, and Student Counseling. Auburn provides students with support from academic all the way to personal, and most students are not aware of this. While these are must-use opportunities, the best gift is programmed inherently into COSAM. This is the student body that we are constantly surrounded by. I want to encourage all students to lean into their peers, pursue relationships within your classes, and be willing to support your fellow students. I would be honored to lead this change as your Vice President, and I am excited to meet and connect with you all.