

**Platform**

**Name:** Ellen Connell

**Year:** 03

**Major:** Law and Justice

**Qualifications:**

Student Recruiters Vice President of Outreach

Phi Mu Alpha Mu Philanthropy Chair

Student Government Senate Parliamentarian

Pi Lambda Sigma Pre-Law Honors Society

Auburn Football Athletic Recruiter

Auburn is a place where individual students feel just as valuable to the university as the university is to them, where students, faculty, administrators, and alumni are unified through a common goal of embodying the Auburn Creed in all things, and a place where your four years as a student are just a part of a lifetime experience as a member of a family. As a candidate, my platform will center on the creed stanza, "I believe in the human touch, which cultivates sympathy with my fellow men and mutual helpfulness and brings happiness for all."

My passion for engaging with those around me stems from my experience as a first-generation Auburn student, which has proscribed my desire to form connections with the Auburn family on campus and throughout the community through service. I currently serve as the Philanthropy Chairwoman of my sorority. In this role, I have formed relationships with Children's Miracle Network Hospital representatives and families. I have witnessed the tangible impact of our fundraising efforts and the impact within my chapter. Leading our chapter's philanthropic participation, I was inspired to create a culture of service that encouraged chapter members to engage with and uplift those around us. Collaborating with other on-campus organizations for events, such as AUDM Main Event, demonstrated that service is a collective effort, which enriches our campus culture from the inside out and fosters a connection with the surrounding community. Aligning with the land grant mission of Auburn, I would hope to actuate a similar but broader culture of service at Auburn to create and highlight ways to give back to communities that give so much to Auburn.

Secondly, I have been able to serve the university as a Student Recruiter. I currently have the honor of serving as this organization's Vice President of Outreach. As VP of Outreach, I liaise between admissions advisors and student recruiters. Alongside the advisors, I coordinate personalized visit lunches. This role has given me a unique opportunity to engage with high-achieving prospective students and, through getting to know them, better understand what would and potentially would set Auburn apart in their decision process. This experience has demonstrated, in a relational way, how we, as a university, can continue to present Auburn to those who come after us in a way that highlights its most admirable qualities.

Lastly, my experience interning in Washington, D.C., this past summer gave me a profound appreciation for the extension aspect of the Auburn family. Auburn has an impressive alumni network seeking opportunities to engage with current Auburn students. Capitalizing on our alumni's passion for investing in the current students would foster opportunities for personal and career growth, substantiating the idea of the Auburn family.

My Auburn experience has taught me that engaging with a stranger is an opportunity to form a connection. I look forward to sharing more about my platform and my heart for Auburn with each of you.

War Eagle,  
Ellen Connell