

Name: Jake Yohn

Year: 03

Major: Political Science

Qualifications:

SGA Senator - College of Liberal Arts ('23, '24)

Code of Laws Committee Co-Chair

SGA Lobby Board

Parking Appeals Committee Member

SGA Freshman Forum

Platform:

My name is Jake Yohn and my story is like many of yours. My family taught me to love and serve Auburn University because it represents something greater than ourselves. Auburn is built on a foundation of optimism and resilience. No matter the challenges, we believe what we are doing is worth fighting for. I'm running for SGA President because I believe our students are worth fighting for. Together, we can make Auburn better by prioritizing accountability, accessibility, and meaningful action.

The Yohn to Victory campaign is built on the principle Auburn's student government should represent everyone. For SGA to tackle the biggest issues, it must be inclusive, transparent, and responsive. That starts with leadership.

- Increasing Visibility Beyond Campaign Week
 - Students often feel disconnected from SGA because it seems visible only during election season. I will:
 - Hold open office hours in each major college at least one hour daily.
 - Publish a schedule on the SGA website so students know where to find me and voice their concerns.
- Keeping Promises Transparent
 - Accountability is essential for building trust. As President, I will:
 - Create regular update videos with Executive Officers to explain the progress of our goals.
 - Be transparent about setbacks and provide clear explanations if challenges arise.
- Revitalizing the EXP branch
 - The EXP branch was designed for students who aren't in Freshman Forum or Lobby Board but remains underused. I will:

- Establish a leadership position to oversee EXP's growth and create more leadership opportunities for students.
- Opening University Committees
 - Students often don't realize the importance of university committees in shaping daily life. I will:
 - Open these opportunities to students outside SGA, ensuring diverse perspectives in decision-making.
 - Advertise these positions widely to increase student involvement.

Key Issues

Parking:

- The current

Students feel frustrated with the parking process because it offers no variety and guarantee of availability. Our broader goal for the future will be to reform the permit system to allow students to pick specific lots that are closer to the location of their classes, rather than a broad zone that spans multiple parts of campus.

During my term, I will work to implement legislation I drafted during my time in Senate. This legislation would allow students to pay off parking tickets by performing community service through the IMPACT Program.

Housing:

Over the last few years, Auburn has lost a significant number of on campus options for housing. Our administration has tried to supplement this by purchasing off campus apartments and is now building a new dorm. SGA should continue to push for more development of truly on campus residence halls but this is only one part of the equation.

The city of Auburn used to have a plethora of close, affordable, and student centered options. Now, we see more and more high rises with rents becoming larger and larger each year. As President, I will work with the administration to create a committee focused on holding developers who replace student housing with game day condos accountable. The Loveliest Village on the Plains needs students who are willing to fight to keep it that way.