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### **Platform**

My chief aim as Miss Auburn would be to address the insecurities, setbacks, and pressures which inevitably align themselves with being an involved student on Auburn's campus. My slogan, "Keep Climbing with Kendall," employs a mountain hike as the picture of what one's time at Auburn might look like. When climbing, there is a path one must choose, obstacles along that path (no matter how aptly chosen), and of course the element of time. I believe that these three facets correlate well to what involvement on campus looks like, and how I would encourage students to view these three aspects of their time can be seen in the following three pillars.

**The Path You Pursue**, focuses on encouraging students to engage with what truly matters to them, so they can genuinely give of themselves. A current crisis facing campus is the overwhelming nature of choosing what one *truly* wants to do, rather than falling victim to the few organizations that are "streamlined" at orientation. My goal would be to create opportunities that connect students with organizations that align with their passions and values. This would include hosting panels that spotlight smaller organizations, providing advertising workshops to help these groups share their missions, and distributing treats on the concourse alongside pamphlets highlighting lesser-known opportunities. By amplifying visibility and accessibility, I would strive to ensure every student has the chance to explore and pursue their unique path.

The second pillar, **The Obstacles You Overcome**, emphasizes the reality that challenges, rejection, and hardship are inevitable parts of growth. My platform would focus on helping students reframe their understanding of success, encouraging them to see it as more than outward achievements. I would advocate for implementing systems like personalized feedback emails for students who don't receive positions after interviews, offering constructive insights that foster learning and resilience. Through this, I aim to create a campus culture that normalizes struggle as an integral step toward growth.

Finally, **The Time You Take** acknowledges that finding one's place takes time, and that is perfectly okay. My goal would be to host talks, panels, and workshops where individuals share their experiences of navigating uncertainty and eventually finding meaningful work and involvement. By highlighting these stories, I hope to encourage students to embrace their journeys without pressure to have everything figured out right away.

As Miss Auburn, my platform would strive to create a supportive, inclusive environment where every student feels equipped to pursue their passions, navigate challenges, and grow at their own pace. Together, we can build a campus community rooted in authenticity, resilience, and confidence in where students are and what they do during their time at Auburn.

With Joy,

*Julia Kendall Anderson*