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Year: 03

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Qualifications:

SGA Senate Academic Affairs Committee Chair

SGA College of Education Senator

Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society

Cardinal Key Honor Society

Junior Board Member for the Lee County Distinguished Young Women Program

War Eagle! My name is Sophie Marino and I am grateful and honored to be running for Miss Auburn. My passion for facilitating student connections and serving this campus began during the second night of my Camp War Eagle Session in Jordan Hare Stadium when I heard Coach Bruce Pearl offer his personal email address to every student, promising to help them make the most of their four years at Auburn. Throughout my time at Auburn, I have been blessed to have the support of those who have gone before me to help guide me along my path to leadership and service. Through casual conversations, getting connected with local alumni, and utilizing Auburn's vast resources, I have been able to find opportunities that have allowed me to fuel my passion for leading and serving others.

Above all, my platform, "SOAR with Sophie", is an awareness campaign geared towards helping each student identify their passion, seek out opportunities to achieve their goals, and remember that when one door closes, another one can open. I remind myself daily to SOAR: Start with your why, Own every opportunity, Ask for assistance, and Remember your worth. Through my platform, I would be able to embody my favorite section of the Auburn Creed which is "I believe in the human touch which cultivates sympathy with my fellow man and mutual helpfulness and brings happiness for all." Encouraging Auburn men and women to SOAR isn't just about leadership development; it is a reminder that we cannot walk this path of personal development alone.

As Miss Auburn, I would like to share my SOAR platform with multiple campus organizations that offer targeted programming for specific classifications of students. For example, organizations such as the First 56 and Freshman Forum offer fun, interactive, and casual networking opportunities for the freshmen students. Sophomores who are a bit further into their campus development may seek interest in events such as O-Days to broaden their perspective on campus organizations and opportunities. The Young Alumni Council is one of the most versatile ways for junior and senior students to develop mentorships and connect with local alumni who have invested interest in helping out Auburn students realize their potential for their next chapter. By continuing to foster self-directed student growth at Auburn, I hope to help students realize that whatever their goal, no matter how big or small, the sky's the limit and they can truly soar.