

Katherine Kelley  
Miss Auburn 2012  
Ballot Position #4

Qualifications:

SGA - Assistant Director of Freshman Forum, member of Tiger Tuesdays

Social Sorority - New Member Educator, Sisterhood Coordinator

Honor Society - Cardinal Key Vice President

As a candidate for Miss Auburn, I am encouraging students to participate in a new movement to make Auburn a more sustainable campus. If you have ever walked around campus on any given day, you will see hundreds of students with paper cups. Do you realize how many cups are thrown away by Auburn students, every day? American consumers use over 16 billion paper cups each year. That's more than 6.5 million trees cut down and more than 224 pounds of paper per US citizen.

By partnering with Auburn's Office of Sustainability, I have seen there are countless ways to promote a greener campus. However, I am taking the initiative to recycle the thousands of paper cups Auburn students are throwing away. If we have new recycling bins designated for paper cups, we will significantly reduce waste.

Imagine how beneficial it would be to get spirit points for recycling your on-campus organization's cans! Currently, it costs Auburn more to recycle our cans than it would be to throw them away, because we simply do not have enough to make it worthwhile. When Auburn increases the amount of paper cups, cans and bottles recycled; the Auburn students, the city of Auburn, and our environment are mutually benefitted.

As Miss Auburn I will work with the Office of Sustainability to help make our campus a cleaner and greener place, especially on game day. If each tailgate tent had a bag for cans and bottles, imagine how many pounds of waste we will recycle.

Auburn has a beautiful campus with extraordinary students. My hope is that we continue our legacy by helping reduce the amount of waste each day. Thank you for what you have already contributed to Auburn, and thank you for continuing to better our school and local environment. Please remember to Clean up with Katherine Kelley, and vote on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Ballot position #4 for Miss Auburn.