

**Name:** Libby Lukens

**Ballot #:** 02

**Year:** 03

**Major:** Biomedical Sciences; Minor: Business Administration

**Qualifications:**

IMPACT Project Coordinator  
Assistant Director of the Big Event  
Alpha Omicron Pi Vice President  
COSAM Leader  
COSAM Peer Advisor

**Platform:**

War Eagle Auburn friends!

As one of the Top 5 Miss Auburn Candidates, I am excited and honored to have this opportunity to encourage you to get out and “Lend a Hand” with something you enjoy. I’m also excited to expand the amount of opportunities we have to serve, highlighting areas that need it the most.

Just a few blocks beyond campus demonstrates a distinctly different way of life than what we are used to as Auburn students. While we are used to the monopoly money on our Tiger Cards, there are many Lee County elementary students are on free and reduced lunch. Less than a mile from the brand-new Village housing are blocks of subsidized housing where young kids play outside in T-shirts because they can’t afford proper jackets.

As college students, we might not have the monetary resources to build houses or donate jackets. But what we can offer is our time. Time is an invaluable resource that, while we may be short on it, can make a big difference. Every little bit helps. Giving up a free Friday afternoon, one lazy Saturday or that awkward hole in your schedule can go a long way to help this community that helps this University so much.

I believe that students are much more apt to volunteer with a project that overlaps with one of their passions. I want you to “Lend a Hand” with something that you genuinely enjoy doing, something that makes you happy. My first heartbeat is The Big Event, which is set up to give back to the community that has given so much to us. My other passion is helping families, so I volunteer every week through IMPACT with the Big House Foundation to support foster families in Lee County. There are numerous opportunities every week for you to volunteer, just pick something you love. If it is animals, IMPACT visits the Humane Society; if you love children, you can volunteer at Joyland Daycare. IMPACT has almost 40 projects volunteering all over Auburn every single week. You never know what you might fall in love with when lending a hand.

My mission for this week and for the next year if you elect me as Miss Auburn is to target an area that we can tackle together, with help from the City of Auburn. If you

drive a few blocks north and cross the railroad tracks, you are suddenly in a very different environment than what we have here on campus. It is an area that is desperate for some love and care. And we, with the help of the city of Auburn, can band together and do something about it in the coming year.

Even during our busy lives here at Auburn, we can join together to lend a hand to those in need, in ways that involve our time and effort.

Join me to celebrate this community, and lend a hand. Together we can help.