

Name: Ragan Cox

Ballot: #1

Year: Junior

Major: Supply Chain Management

Qualifications:

Alpha Omicron Pi President
2011 Camp War Eagle Counselor
SGA Boards and Committees
SGA Cabinet
Freshman Forum

Platform:

Auburn students are known for being passionate. We love Auburn. We love football. We love tradition. We also love our country-- but to what degree?

As current students of Auburn University, we are lucky enough to live in a nation which believes in democracy for all citizens. It is said that democracy is strongest when citizens fully participate but for far too long, young people haven't been full participants. In Auburn, from College Street to the Science Center Classrooms to the Haley Center concourse, the next generation of leaders and citizens are among us and we are a powerful force in today's political scene.

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely." Unfortunately, not enough of us have taken the effort to acknowledge our right to choose.

As many of you already know, 2012 is a presidential election year in our nation. If elected as Miss Auburn for this special year, my goal would be to encourage student participation in this upcoming election. As Miss Auburn, I would hold a voter-registration drive on campus to make it easier and more convenient for students to register to vote as well as set up absentee ballots for out-of-state students to ensure participation on election day. I would also work with the Office of Student Affairs to set up events to inform students of each candidate before making their selection and lastly to bring a polling station to Auburn's campus for students to easily access the polls on election day. My hope would be for Auburn University students to be heard in this upcoming election and for Auburn to play a role in our country's national politics. In the 2008 presidential election, Clemson University was nationally recognized for an outstanding 70% in student voter participation and I believe Auburn University can achieve the same results.

The right to vote wasn't easily obtained. Our ancestors, who were once denied this privilege, paid for it in blood and tears. Still today, citizens are denied this privilege, therefore, the right to vote is an action that we should treasure and exercise. If elected Miss Auburn, I promise to make registration and voting as convenient for you as possible so that Auburn University, your choice and your voice can be heard on election day. Let's make Auburn heard in

national politics by remembering Your Choice, Your Voice with Ragan Cox on February 14th-
Ballot Position #1.