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In college, we are told we can stop sexual assault ourselves. We are told to just say “no”. But in the moment that “no” does not help, what do we do? We have sat through lectures on sexual assault, and we have been told to always use a “buddy system”. But what if it is a friend that assaults you, what do we do? We are sent AU Alert emails when a sexual assault event occurs; but one of the problems is it is happening so much more than those emails lead on.  
My platform for Miss Homecoming 2019 is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention because one in five college women and one in sixteen college men are sexually assaulted during their time in school, and 90% of these college victims do not report it. I am one of the college women that has been sexually assaulted in college, but I am of the 10% that did report it.  
College students who have survived sexual assault can have difficulties performing at their prior academic, social, and professional levels. It can affect their ability to carry a normal course load, attend class regularly, and visit friends and family due to withdrawal and fear of running into the perpetrator.  
Sexual assault should not be an “in the dark” subject, and it should not be something we are ashamed to speak about. Sexual assault should also not be indifferently pushed under the rug under the assumption that there is nothing to do about it. There is always something to do. I will be partnering with WE.auburn, Auburn’s Green Dot Bystander Intervention Program, to make sure the topic of sexual assault is brought into a brighter light.  
As Miss Homecoming, I would advocate to make the process of reporting sexual assaults around campus easier and more well-known, increase awareness and prevention regarding these events, and work with Auburn University’s Student Government Association towards placing a SANE, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, in the Med Clinic.  
Throughout my time at Auburn, I have observed the truth behind the statistics through my friends and myself, and I have grown to be more passionate about Sexual Assault Awareness. With this platform, I hope to make students more aware of our on-campus resources that I have personally used, such as Safe Harbor, Title IX, and Green Dot, as well as making these resources more available to the students. I want to draw attention toward the individuals that have survived sexual assault that are afraid of speaking out or feeling alone. I want them to know they are not alone, and there are people that want to help. I am Alison Beverly, and I believe that if we discuss and handle sexual assault in a proactive way, we can, in the words of our creed, “believe in the human touch, which cultivates sympathy with my fellow men and mutual helpfulness and brings happiness for all”. Break the Silence with Beverly.