Name: Caroline Mathews
Year: 04
Major: English Literature

Qualifications:
SGA Assistant Vice President of Programs
Camp War Eagle Counselor
Director of Creed Week
Vice President of CLA Student Eminent Society
Storybook Farm Volunteer

Platform:

My platform for Miss Homecoming encourages Auburn University students to share their passion for education with the surrounding Auburn community. As an English Literature major, I have always had a passion for reading and an understanding of the educational opportunities that literacy skills provide in a student’s life. I have researched multiple elementary schools in our area and understand that many children are not receiving the materials or time necessary to become proficient in reading. Being able to read well at an early age fosters a commitment to gaining knowledge and a desire for furthering education that will continue throughout their lives.

My platform aims to help underprivileged children gain access to books and academic coaching by sponsoring a community-wide book drive and creating a tutoring program at elementary schools. College students and other members of the Auburn community are asked to donate children’s books that can be repurposed in the life of a child. By collecting these books from homes that no longer require their use and giving them to children in need, we establish a community relationship of interest and support in each other’s lives. We are also holding multiple benefit nights during Homecoming week to raise money to buy more children’s books to be donated. Through this platform, college students also have the opportunity to provide
academic coaching to children in elementary schools. They will be able to provide inspiration and insight to encourage them to further their educational goals.

As students of this great university, we truly understand the importance of education and witness firsthand the life-changing opportunities that arise in a person’s life after achieving a college degree. We ground ourselves on the following line of George Petrie’s Auburn Creed: “I believe in education, which gives me the knowledge to work wisely and trains my mind and my hands to work skillfully.” Through my platform, we have the chance to give more young children in our area access to this life-changing opportunity.

As Auburn students, we have the ability and responsibility to make a difference in these children’s lives by making sure they receive every opportunity for success.