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Qualifications:  
• President of Sigma Lambda Chapter of Kappa Delta  
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• Member of Mortar Board  
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Platform:  
My platform for Miss Homecoming is centered around standing with those who cannot stand alone. I want to show this on Auburn’s campus by partnering with Special Deliveries of Lee County which is the Child Abuse Prevention Center for our area. The women serviced by Special Deliveries have experienced a difficult pasts filled with abuse, empty promises, and a lacking support system. I was extremely blessed to have a mother, father, and family who love me unconditionally and would do anything for me. However, that is not the case for many children in Lee County. Often times, it is not the fault of the mothers, who were never taught what it looks like to love their child by their own parents. It breaks my heart that there are children just down the street from me suffering physical and mental abuse and neglect by no fault of their own. The women at Special Deliveries are choosing to educate themselves so they can protect their children from the horrors of child abuse. This organization has classes ranging from the beginning stages of childcare to how to support their children as they get older. They also work with the mothers to help them obtain jobs so they can care for their children and gain confidence in themselves. I was recently my sorority's philanthropy chair, and I had the opportunity to work closely with the director of Special Deliveries. She has been able to make an impact on the mothers who visit Special Deliveries and stays in their lives long after their immediate experience there is over. She has told many stories of going to court dates, job interviews, and even visiting extended family with distraught children and mothers. Many students choose Auburn because of the concept of the Auburn Family, but as we continue our time here we often forget that a big part of that family is found in the community surrounding us. College can be a really selfish time for students, and it is easy to focus on our problems rather than those in our own backyard. The director of Special Deliveries has been faithful in serving this community for years, and I am sure nothing would make her happier than being able to share her passion with the students on Auburn’s campus. The way that she and her team care for these women is inspiring, and I would love the opportunity to tell others about the amazing work they are doing to better the lives of these mothers, children, and all families in Lee County. There is no greater joy than making an impact in the life of a child and working with Special Deliveries gives that opportunity to every Auburn Student.