The Auburn Family extends beyond the borders of Samford Lawn and the RO parking lot. This is something that I have been constantly reminded of throughout my time at Auburn and it is the reason that I chose the sixth stanza of the Auburn Creed, “I believe in the human touch, which cultivates sympathy with my fellow men and mutual helpfulness and brings happiness for all.” We are a family because of the people before us, the people who will come after us, and the people around us now. The people of Auburn are our foundation and have remained that way, tirelessly and without complaint, for years. I particularly love the part of the creed that says “I believe in the human touch…” because it focuses on the importance of human connection.

Someone once asked me what I would look back on one day and define as a successful life, my response was that it’s not necessarily what you’ve done, but who you have done it with. We are surrounded by opportunities, but the greatest opportunity we have is the one to cultivate relationships with and support the people around us and that goes beyond the people at this university. I love Auburn because of the people both on and off campus and that is because I have truly experienced the love and support that those people have for me and for each other. Whether I am studying with someone, or tutoring a child through IMPACT, I am constantly forming new and closer relationships with the people who make up the place I love: Auburn. For my platform I want to emphasize the importance of the human touch, the gravity of relationships, and the impact of a servant’s heart.

I am passionate about service because I am passionate about people. There are hearts that are barely beating within our community and if I can help those hearts beat a little stronger or a little harder just through a simple act of service, I will do everything I can to do that and encourage others to join me. Throughout this time, it is my goal to encourage people to see beyond themselves, feel the love that the people of Auburn have for them, and extend that support back to them through community service or simple acts of kindness. As Miss Auburn, I would use this platform to promote current service opportunities at Auburn, find ways to create new service opportunities, and discover paths for the Auburn students to connect with the community. It is my goal to remind students that the Auburn Family extends beyond the people that they see on campus daily and offer a way to bridge that gap. We are fortunate to attend a University that is loved so well by those who surround it and it is our turn to return that support.
A smile goes a long way and the human touch truly is one of the most powerful things we have to offer.