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Platform: When I think of family, I think of faces. Faces of people who support, help, include, and encourage in every season of life. One of Auburn University’s most beautifully unique qualities is that each student – no matter their background, race, economic status, personality – has a near 30,000-member family to support, help, include, and encourage them through whatever they are experiencing. In this season of homecoming, my goal is to highlight the ways we as students can be the face of family to one another using resources that Auburn has already established for our benefit.

Fittingly, these ways spell out the word FACE: Financial support, Academic assistance, Cultural understanding, and Encouraging spirit.

In order for our student body to be the face of financial support, we must remember that not all students are in the exact same financial position while in school. Some are on full scholarship. Some work two jobs to pay for tuition. But as part of the same family, it is our responsibility to support one another during difficult times. This week we will be fundraising for a financial need-based scholarship and hope to show with our actions, not just our words, that we care deeply about the wellbeing of our peers.

Additionally, we desire to be the face of academic assistance through reminding our student body of the resources available to us. Auburn offers numerous programs such as Study Partners, the Miller Writing Center, and SI sessions that students can utilize not only to receive help, but also to offer up their own time and talents to provide academic assistance to others who may need a little extra help in the classroom. Being a family requires both giving and taking, and academic programs allows avenues for both.

Auburn University was recently ranked #1 for happiest students according to the Princeton Review, but where we show significant room for improvement is class/race interaction. While students themselves do not control who is admitted into the university, what we do control is how we choose to engage and attempt to understand the perspective of others. Through programs like the International Student Organization and Auburn Study Abroad, we as a family have the privilege of being the face of cultural understanding, seeing the richness of what it means to know and love others fully. My prayer this week and always is that we will seize and cherish these opportunities to learn and appreciate the similarities and differences among us.
The final element of this platform involves being the face of an *encouraging spirit*. Part of being a member of the Auburn family means believing in the human touch. That can look like a variety of different things for different people. For me, it’s writing an encouraging note to a friend and leaving it on their dashboard or in their textbook. No matter the way you personally inspire and invest in others, I challenge all of us to commit to doing so during our time in Auburn and beyond.