Name: Jacie Coressel
Ballot #: 4
Year: Senior
Major: Political Science
Qualifications:
  President of Delta Gamma
  SGA Senator for the College of Liberal Arts
  Chairman of the SGA Senate Budget and Finance Committee
  Intern for Alabama State Senator Tom Whatley
  Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society

Platform:

  On August 18th, 2013, I lost a friend and recent graduate of my sorority in a tragic car accident involving alcohol. As President, I was required to be strong and attempt to mend the pain of over two hundred girls in my chapter during this crisis. This was not easy task, but something ignited inside of me that day and I wanted to help safeguard Auburn students from another somber tragedy.

  Twenty-seven Americans die every day as a result of drinking and driving. In fatal crashes in 2011, the highest percentage of drunk drivers was for drivers between the ages of 21-24. Driving while under the influence of alcohol is nothing new. Our generation is not the first to struggle with this issue. However, I believe we are the generation that needs to make a difference in the lowering the statistics and ending the avoidable death, injuries, and heartbreak associated with drunk driving.

  Alcohol is definitely not a new beverage, as Americans have had a long love affair with this leisurely activity. Our generation faces many dangers associated with drunk driving. One of our greatest trials is preventing the carnage caused by mixing speed, powerful cars, peer pressure, and alcohol. To some, that combination is exciting and addictive.
After losing a loved one, nothing should be worth that excitement. It is devastating and life altering. Losing our personal freedom is unfathomable to any one of us. The idea of being imprisoned for 25 years is beyond imagination. The idea of losing our own life or the life of a close friend or family member is even worse. This is a chance we take anytime we drive while under the influence. Your life and the lives of people around you will never be the same.

I am humbled and honored to be a candidate for Miss Homecoming, and I am so excited to share my platform with the rest of the student body. By choosing this platform, I am confident in this student body to help me make positive strides towards a cause that is pertinent to each and every student in some manner. My vision for this campaign is to educate my peers about the dangerous risks of drinking and driving and to encourage taking alternative modes of transportation when leaving an environment where alcohol has been consumed. We must work together to end this destructive behavior. The lives we live are valuable, don’t put yourself in the position to take someone else’s, or your own.