

Good Afternoon Council .

It is an honor and privilege for me to stand before you today as the President-elect of the Student Government Association and I invite all of you to our Inauguration Ceremony tonight at 8pm in Tate Reception Hall. I'm a Junior from Fayetteville, GA in Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications and Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. I've been in the organization since my Freshman year and my previous roles in SGA include the Freshman Board, A Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Senator, the undergraduate Representative on the University Council Committee on Libraries, and most recently I served at the University Council Advisor for the Barlow Administration of SGA so I'm very familiar with this body and its operating structure.

I ran on a platform of real representation and the balance of my time in office will be spent ensuring that our organization is truly representative of the approximate 34,000 students at this University while making sure that we are being represented and having our voice heard at the varying levels of decision making here at the University and throughout the state of Georgia. I believe that frank, open, and direct communication is the forgotten solution to most problems and will always work to include students in the conversation.

I intend to continue the work of the Barlow Administration and I've been told countless times since my election that I have very large shoes to fill- but I'm confidently up to the challenge. I look forward to working all of you next year and I'm very pleased and humbled to be able to serve the students in this role. Thank You