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Dear John,

"I believe that this is a practical world and that I can count only on what I earn. Therefore, I believe in work, hard work."

In 1943, George Petrie penned these opening lines of the Auburn Creed, laying a foundation that would shape generations to come. The words — etched on our walls and embodied in our classrooms — are part of Auburn University's unique heritage, testifying to our responsibility for our students and the world they will inhabit.

Today, Auburn's ethic of hard work, with its purpose of developing "a spirit that is not afraid," still shines brightly.

It shines in Jalen Boynton, a first-generation student who is majoring in biomedical sciences with a minor in public health. Boynton has earned 11 scholarships and taken full advantage of every opportunity — from working as a medical assistant and leading student organizations to studying abroad and conducting ophthalmology research at UAB.

Jalen founded Auburn's Pre-Medical Association, which now serves 300 students, connecting them with practicing physicians to gain real-world insights and experiences. His dedication to service, leadership, and academic excellence exemplifies the impact of bold vision paired with steadfast determination.

The creed also shines in graduate students like Victoria Ashley, whose Auburn experience is marked by exceptional academic achievement and service. After majoring in history and political science, she earned the prestigious President's Award for the College of Liberal Arts and was accepted into Auburn's Accelerated Master's Program in Public Administration.

Victoria has been named a Rhodes Scholarship Finalist, was selected for the Hertog Foundation Political Studies Fellowship in Washington, D.C. and serves in numerous campus organizations. She also co-hosts a campus radio show and has led community service initiatives through Auburn IMPACT. Victoria's focus on scholarship and outreach reflects a deep commitment to using her education to build a better world.

What Jalen and Victoria have accomplished is certainly due to their own hard work and initiative, but the resources, mentors, programs, and opportunities to excel and exceed are made possible by you — members of the Auburn Family who believe in Auburn and love it.

As we close 2025, please consider a gift to Auburn today. Your partnership with us means we can continue to provide exceptional educational experiences that shape the leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you and War Eagle,

Christopher B. Roberts
President

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