

Auburn Celebrates Final Speaker of 2018 as Part of Delta Speaker Series

Emerge at Auburn has welcomed six guest speakers on a variety of topics this academic year as part of the Delta Speaker Series. A program in its inaugural year, Emerge has accepted 1,000 students eager to become leaders on campus. The Delta Speaker Series, sponsored by Delta Airlines, is just one component of Emerge. The series gives participating student leaders the opportunity to bring speakers to campus to connect components of the curriculum on a broader scale, using real-world examples and success stories to inspire students. The ultimate goal of Emerge is to make Auburn University synonymous with leadership, and connecting students with leaders in the world is a step in this direction.

This year, as part of the series, Emerge brought speakers to talk on a variety of themes, including values, vision, teamwork, communications and innovation. The last event of the series was held this past Thursday evening, featuring Delta Airlines Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Paul Jacobson. Mr. Jacobson spoke on service and his 20+ years of experience working for Delta, including how we can actively work to serve others, both those that we know personally and those in the greater community that we might not normally consider.

Speaking on the importance of the speaker series, Presley Townsend, graduate assistant of leadership programs, commented, "Emerge was created because Auburn students have the potential to be leaders both today and in the future. By providing them with the tools to accomplish that goal, Emerge is insuring that in the future, Auburn equals leadership". From a student perspective, the appreciation for the opportunities that Emerge and the Delta Speaker Series bring is much the same. Emerge VP of Communications and Marketing Taylor Searels noted, "Emerge has shown me that the future of Auburn is bright, by training men and women to be great leaders dedicated to hard work, to make their visions a reality. Each speaker from the Delta Speaker Series has brought different insights on how they have achieved what they have, and how to use our leadership for the good of people."

More information about past and future speaker series can be found on the Auburn University Office of Student Involvement website: <http://wp.auburn.edu/involve/delta-speaker-series/>.