

Emerge Celebrates Inaugural Year on Auburn Campus

Emerge at Auburn is a dynamic, four-year leadership program dedicated to creating the next generation of leaders. Having just wrapped up its inaugural year on the Auburn campus, this first group of Auburn students has worked to enrich both their leadership and service skills and solve problems existing on and around campus.

Emerge accepts 1,000 incoming first-year students to participate in a curriculum focused on values, vision, teamwork, communication, innovation and service. With these experiences, students who take part in the program become equipped and ready to become exceptional leaders in their fields.

Emerge, as one of the largest organizations on campus, has several components. Students are placed on a team of 30 that is led by an upperclassman student, and meet weekly to discuss curriculum, participate in leadership-based activities and grow as both an individual and a team. This year alone, EmERGE planned a multitude of events, including a special partnership with Delta Air Lines to offer a campus-wide, monthly Delta Speaker Series. This series highlighted real-world leaders and their success stories, giving students the chance to connect components of their curricular on a broader scale. The year concluded with community impact projects that allowed participants to give back to the Auburn community in a personal way, with groups finding their passions in many causes ranging from cancer research to assisting the elderly.

Presley Townsend, current graduate assistant of leadership programs, commented on the importance of EmERGE and said, “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.”

As a program specifically built for Auburn, freshman who participate immediately learn what it means to be a part of the Auburn Family. Through multifaceted leadership development, EmERGE at Auburn is empowering the next generation of leaders to take action on campus and take their skills to the workforce and beyond.

Next year’s EmERGE applications are now open, and students who are interested in joining EmERGE may apply at aub.ie/emerge.