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MACHEN MCCHESENEY, LLP ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP



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THANK YOU

I am so honored to be a recipient of the Machen McChesney, LLP Annual Scholarship. Thank you so much for investing in me and my education at Auburn University. Your generosity means so much to my family and me, and I am encouraged to continue to work hard in

order to succeed during the rest of my time at Auburn and in my future career. It is also special to know that someone else believes in me and is so supportive of my education. I hope to finish my degree at Auburn and to hopefully continue in either the Auburn MAcc program or in law school. I am so excited and really appreciate everything that you do!

WHY I CHOSE MY AREA OF STUDY:

I chose to major in accounting because the nature of it matches my personality perfectly. I am detail and task-oriented and I love working with people and meeting new people. I chose to go into tax accounting because I am fascinated by the government and law side of tax and how tax is always changing. I also appreciate that the nature of the job is being able to help clients. In the future, I hope to either do the Master's of Accountancy Program at Auburn and earn my CPA or attend law school in the future.

MY FAVORITE AUBURN EXPERIENCE:

My favorite experience at Auburn has been through my involvement on campus. I have been so fortunate to be in several different campus organizations and thankful to have met my best friends through it all. This past year and currently, I serve as the President of the Involvement Ambassadors. This is my second year in the organization and I have gained skills and have met people who I never would have otherwise. The leadership skills I gained were all skills that I could have never learned in a classroom. This organization is so special to me not only because the people are so encouraging, but also because it showed me how Auburn invests in its students because I have had so many unique opportunities through this position. This was one of the first Auburn organizations I applied to freshman year and became a part of and is where I laid my foundation to leave my legacy at Auburn. For these reasons, my campus involvement has been my favorite experience.

WHAT THIS SCHOLARSHIP MEANS TO ME:

Receiving this scholarship is an honor and I am so thankful because I know that it will help my parents financially. In times like these, I love to take a moment to appreciate how Auburn invests in its students this way and recognizes them for their achievements. This shows how the Auburn family cares about each other, whether they are in school or not. It inspires me to want to give back to Auburn in the same way in the future. Also, it is meaningful to know that working hard has paid off and to receive recognition means so much. It serves as a form of encouragement for me to continue to work hard and succeed in the future because I know that someone else sees that in me.