Greetings Class of 2022!

I am Astra Armstrong, your student body president for the 2018-2019 school year. It is my pleasure to welcome you into the illustrious Norfolk State University, land of the Spartans, and your new home away from home. It is our desire that for the next four years that you achieve your maximum potential while at Norfolk State. While our main focus is academics, we will help you become a well-rounded individual and mold you into the I.D.E.A.L. Spartan. We pride ourselves on being Integral, Dignified, Excellent, Academicians, and Leaders.

Along with maintaining your studies and good standing with the university, there will be a variety of social activities such as AGOGE Week, the Labor Day Classic and, of course, Homecoming. This is a place that will help you grow socially, physically and mentally. So get excited because you have just embarked on your journey through Sparta!

While here at Norfolk State you will be faced with many challenges, but it is all to make you a stronger Spartan. Through your matriculation, there may be times when you want to give up, but depend on your Spartan community and your inner strength to push you through. We have resources on campus such as the Counseling Center, the Dr. Patricia Stith Student Success Center and Campus Ministries to help you build your character and help pick you back up.

Let me share a personal story with you. Prior to coming to NSU, I was scared to speak before my peers and never thought that I’d make it through college. I came in as a first-generation college student with no parental figures in my life. Because of that, all I could see were obstacles that could keep me from my goals. However, thanks to Norfolk State, I am beginning my senior year of college and standing as your student government president.

You have already proven that you’re smart — you chose Norfolk State! Let’s build on that. Study hard. Be social. And most importantly, be safe.

Thank you for being the part of Norfolk State University.

BEHOLD!

Astra Armstrong
SGA President 2018-2019