

Meet Austin Gothard.

Mississippi State sophomore, Austin Gothard does not shy away from a challenge. He is ALL IN when it comes to The Ability Experience mission and that all started with a camp experience last summer that changed his life.

At only nineteen, Austin is passionate about service.

He is a Bergstrom Fellow, the elected philanthropy chairman of his chapter, and recently stepped up to be a 2022 Gear Up Florida cyclist.

One of his mottos, that came *directly* from a camp experience he had as a Bergstrom Fellow at Camp ASCCA, is to not live his life by his perceived limitations.

Austin has accomplished a lot in his two years at Mississippi State, but that is just the beginning for this young man. He plans to learn ASL and go into counseling for people with disabilities that are nonverbal.

I think we can *all* be proud of what students like Austin represent, not just for Pi Kappa Phi and The Ability Experience, but for the future of our communities. What a leader!

Thank you for supporting students like Austin and giving them opportunities to change their lives ... and the lives of those around them!

Your support makes these stories possible. Thank you for believing in shared experiences just like this and giving in 2021.

Please stay tuned for more updates from Austin...



“Being a friend to them is what it is all about.”
Your support created this special camp moment



Getting out on the lake thanks to YOU

“I had never even heard of Camp ASCCA before last summer. Those eight-weeks were life changing! I got to see all the campers and they were just BEAMING with excitement to be there. I was not prepared for all the lessons they taught me about life.”



Your generous giving made reconnection a reality



You made Austin's camp friendships flourish