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Delta Phi Epsilon (ΔΦΕ)

Major: Biomedical Engineering

What does the Lion Royalty Homecoming Court represent to you? What characteristics do you possess that make you an ideal candidate for the Court?

The Lion Royalty Homecoming Court stands to represent the students at TCNJ who uphold its values in each aspect of their life. While TCNJ is an academic institution, its goal is to not only prepare students for their professional careers, but to encourage each individual to grow on a personal level, to offer opportunities to learn more about themselves, each other, and the community. The students on the Lion Royalty Homecoming Court represent this very goal of the college and demonstrate the amazing qualities and experiences one can gain from becoming intertwined with the community here. My time here has shown me that I am inclusive, eager to hear other's stories, perspectives and ideas and consider the best possible path forward from all contributions. I have learned that I have a strong sense of earnest curiosity, not only in my academic pursuits but in my everyday aspirations, and that this is one of my most formidable qualities leading to a determined nature. And most importantly, it has demonstrated to myself that I am a leader, that I often lead by example in engaging action but also possess the abilities to manage teams with compassion, understanding, and a fire for success. These three qualities are not wholly intrinsic; they are hard-earned through my involvement within the community, being both a peer and a student leader, and are three of the many strong qualities that the Court represents.

What is your favorite thing about TCNJ and why?

TCNJ encapsulates a sense of community, from a small to a large scale, that is both welcoming and inspiring. Starting as a student during a pandemic, I can remember one of the biggest causes of worry was finding my people, my place, in this new environment. It is almost silly now to look back to the doubt that filtered through because TCNJ, regardless if we are online together or on campus, is exceptional at showing everyone that they belong. For its size, the college offers numerous, diverse opportunities to discover yourself and who you want to be. I feel this strongly as a student in the School of Engineering, being well-integrated into the community and having a good relationship with both peers and faculty/staff. The engineering community is like another family, and it feels like this because of the close-knit bonds TCNJ fosters. I cannot imagine what my college experience would be like without the engineering community, or the one of Greek life, because they have shown me that I do belong and that I can lead, that I am much more capable than I ever thought before. This sense of community is beyond important; it is powerful and inspiring and a safe place. There is much more success when we work together and motivate one another, and TCNJ exemplifies this beautifully. So this is why I love this school – it feels like home because it is one.