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

Above all, the Lion Royalty Homecoming Court not only represents a celebration of school spirit and pride, but more specifically a celebration of that year's Senior Class. This is especially true for our class, as the TCNJ Class of 2024 has arguably been through more than any other college class in the past 50 years. From the very beginning, we were thrown into an unfamiliar environment amid unprecedented times. We were the class of canceled proms, disorganized senior weeks, online classes, and July graduations. Then, in one of the most formative times of an individual's life, we were forced to take higher education classes from home in complete isolation when many of us longed to move away and begin a new chapter in our lives. Even that next Spring Semester, only a small portion of us moved onto campus and actual normalcy really didn't begin to take hold until the beginning of our Junior year. Everyone has always told us that we are extremely resilient, yet no one can really know it like we do because we still live it every day. I believe this sense of awareness and the humility that comes with it make me an ideal candidate for Lion Royalty. I understand that getting through these four years has been more difficult than we could have ever imagined, and taking the time to use this platform to celebrate us as a class is the best way to represent our sense of school spirit.

What is your favorite thing about TCNJ and why?

The thing that I love the most about TCNJ is its sense of community. Even through times of self-doubt, I have never had a moment at this college where I felt entirely alone. Over the past four years, I have been in many different circles: Greek Life, Student Government, Club Sports, and Honor Societies just to name a few. Some of these circles I have continued to take part in, and some I have chosen to leave, but above all, I have always left with a sense of happiness. I have no regrets about choosing to surround myself with anyone at this school. We as a campus community have taken great strides in recent years to be more accepting, more inclusive, and more welcoming of anyone who steps foot on our campus. While there is always more work to be done, TCNJ has felt like a second home to me for quite some time, and I have made friends and connections that will last for a lifetime. I can only hope that by the end of my four years, I have contributed to leaving this place better than I found it so that others can have just as valuable of an experience as myself.