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Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies



***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 represents a group of inspiring TCNJ student leaders. Selection as a Lion Royalty Homecoming Court member would be an honor to me since many former members have significantly impacted TCNJ and the broader community. I have shown that I am a strong, inclusive leader, striving for excellence in everything I do. Throughout my time on campus, I have demonstrated academic excellence and on-campus service. After serving as a Community Advisor (CA), I received a promotion to the Student Manager of Residential Operations (SMRO) position for Wolfe Hall; concurrently, I represented the Office of Admissions as a College Ambassador and received a promotion to the Public Relations Senior Leader position. Additionally, I volunteer as an AVI Peer Educator, where I have strived, through education, to prevent power-based personal violence on campus. As a student in the five-year integrated Master's program for special education/elementary education with a specialization in women, gender, and sexuality studies, I have earned Dean's List each semester and a 3.83 GPA whilst overloading courses, continuing campus involvement, and holding two jobs. I have always remembered the saying from Ambassadors, "You are always wearing your stripes," which has led me to promote TCNJ in a positive light, promote an inclusive community on campus, and keep students safe.

***What is your favorite thing about TCNJ and why?***

My favorite aspect about TCNJ is the sense of community, school spirit, and energy that can be felt on campus. As a prospective student, when I stepped on campus for the first time during Lions Day, I immediately felt like I had found my second home. Out of all the campuses I visited, the same level of energy and passion had not been matched. Witnessing the enthusiasm of Ambassadors, students, and faculty as they passionately discussed their experiences at TCNJ secured my decision to attend. Now, nearly four years later, I believe that our campus spirit is strong enough to withstand changes in buildings or the coming and going of faculty and staff. The spirit that is felt on campus defines the college across centuries, and I take pride in having contributed to the TCNJ spirit through my active involvement in various roles, such as Community Advisor (CA), Student Manager of Residential Operations (SMRO), AVI Peer Educator and College Ambassador. As an Ambassador, I bring all of my energy and institutional knowledge to every tour and Lions Day with the goal of matriculating high-caliber students to TCNJ. As a CA, I have conducted over 100 one-on-one conversations with residents; in each, I focus on improving student outcomes whilst ensuring that students feel supported. In each of my positions, I reflect on how my actions, mentorship, and leadership can make a ripple effect across campus with the aim of sharing campus spirit with prospective students, current students, and the broader community.