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She/Her

TCNJ Treblemakers

Major: Communication Studies
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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?

The Lion Royalty Homecoming Court represents the everyday values and academic excellence that is embedded into TCNJ's mission as an institution. TCNJ strives to offer an unparalleled education in a vibrant, collaborative, and inclusive community of learners who will leave a distinct mark on the world. Being crowned for Lion's Royalty is much more than a title; it is an immense honor that requires both dedication and service to the TCNJ community. Enrolling as a TCNJ student is not just about achieving your personal or academic goals, but being a part of something bigger: a family. Initially, it can be difficult to make friends when first arriving on campus and sometimes, even impossible. Each morning, I am reminded that everyday is an opportunity to make someone's day special. Either an emotional check-in or a scheduled meeting for NAACP/Student Government, etc. I have made it my personal mission to connect with the majority of the TCNJ community. As both an academic and on-campus leader at TCNJ, I have access to multitudes of helpful resources and have prioritized my time on campus to ensure those around me have that same access. By being intentional about promoting a welcoming environment, real change and inclusion can be attained. Personally, my A Cappella group, The TCNJ Treblemakers, is my home away from home. Everyday, I am welcomed with a warm smile from one of my singing friends. Being surrounded by such a strong and friendly community reinforces my own purpose which is to excel!

What is your favorite thing about TCNJ and why?

My favorite thing about TCNJ has to be its academic rigor and its boom of opportunity. As a rising senior searching for the next steps out of high school, I dedicated my time to finding the perfect academic institution that had both a safe learning community and resources available to open doors for my future. TCNJ has the perfect balance of academic competition without the need to bring others around you down. Instead, I find daily inspiration from my classmates who are academically excelling and am grateful to be in an environment where I can learn from those around me. As a result of the well knit environment at TCNJ, students have the capacity to to speak to their professors one-on-one and build real relationships within their classes. Because there aren't 60 plus students in each class, students can create those personal connections. Although TCNJ is a smaller academic institution, the education provided by its instructors are exceptional and is one reason why TCNJ remains being top-ranked by the Princeton Review as one the the top public colleges in the country. Due to the various demographics of students on campus, TCNJ can also almost guarantee that there will be a club for your passions that prioritizes making new members feel welcomed. Through the hundreds of clubs and organizations on campus, there are a multitude of Executive Board positions to apply for as well. The opportunities are endless and TCNJ is truly dedicated towards uplifting its students in every way possible.