



# JOE RUFFOLO

*He/Him*

**Alpha Chi Rho (AXP)**

Major: English/Secondary  
Education

## ***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 highly prestigious honor. Candidates are chosen based on their leadership, spirit, integrity, and achievement. Since my time began on campus—virtually, in the Fall of 2020, I can proudly say that TCNJ has allowed me to not only embrace these characteristics but embody them. Through serving in numerous leadership positions in AXP, joining multiple academic honor societies, and getting involved on campus to the best of my ability, I have learned to grow and succeed as a student, a leader, and a man. I have done my due diligence through many semesters of hard work to ensure my abilities as an active role model for the brothers in my chapter, classmates, and friends while doing my part to embody TCNJ's core values of excellence, engagement, integrity, inclusiveness, and self-reflection each and every day.

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

My favorite thing about TCNJ is the people and the sense of community that this campus provides. When I first arrived at TCNJ as a freshman, I felt such a welcoming, comfortable, and secure sense of community because of the people I was surrounded by. TCNJ continues to flourish as an institution because of the high-quality individuals that comprise the campus community. Because of the TCNJ community, I became able to step outside of my comfort zone and grow as a person because TCNJ students push each other to be the best versions of themselves that they can possibly be. In my fraternity and the organizations that I am a part of, I have been able to find a sense of home because of the people that comprise them. I am proud to be able to graduate from such a high-quality, community-oriented college that is filled with the most extraordinary, dedicated, and successful leaders, students, and friends that I could not find anywhere else.