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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?

Lion Royalty represents the legacy a student leaves behind through their contributions during their time at TCNJ. This court means you value what TCNJ has to offer and take advantage of every single opportunity. In an effort to become as involved as possible, I joined a plethora of clubs and organizations which have given me some of the most impactful people and important memories that have helped shape my college career.

Each of my organizations have helped shape me into a more dedicated, loyal and hardworking student, friend, and leader. Throughout my time in Ambassadors and Zeta Tau Alpha I have challenged myself, strengthened my communication and leadership skills, served as a role model for students and expressed my passion for the TCNJ community. The legacy I hope to leave behind after TCNJ is my positivity and kindness. When given a superlative for the Ambassadors program, I have received the best smile award, for my token wide-stretched smile that's always across my face. When I think of Lion Royalty, I think about how that person makes someone feel on a bad day, how they support and serve their community, and what kind of energy they create when they walk in a room. This superlative I have received each year may only be a piece of paper, but it speaks to my demeanor, my character, and the way others feel when I am around them. Through my involvement, TCNJ pride, and positivity I believe I embody all aspects of Lion Royalty.

What is your favorite thing about TCNJ and why?

My favorite thing about TCNJ is the close knit community we have on campus. When walking from class to class or just sitting in the student center in between classes, there is a friendly face nearly everywhere you go. This was a very important quality I was searching for in a college and TCNJ has perfected it. As an incoming freshman in college, I was scared of the unknown a campus had to offer and by getting involved with organizations, clubs and even just group projects in my courses I feel as though TCNJ will be my forever second home. Not only do I feel this way with my peers across campus but with the faculty as well. Being able to meet with my professors outside of the classroom to ask questions and gain professional knowledge about my future career has given me a sign of relief that TCNJ is where I am meant to be. I will forever be grateful for my experiences with the sense of community TCNJ has to offer and thankful to be able to say I was a part of it.