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## Student Government

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History/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?***

I have only experienced two full homecoming festivities along with Lion Royalty ceremonies due to entering TCNJ in 2020. With the 2022 winners being close friends of mine, and the 2021 royalty duo being apparent figures of leadership on this campus as well as close colleagues, I have been able to absorb the meaningful impact that Lion Royalty has on this campus, such as TCNJ students have amongst each other. TCNJ has continued to make countless efforts to recognize their students as a result of their leadership, engagement, and achievements which grows and holds our campus camaraderie together. The Lion Royalty Homecoming Court Ceremony is one of the most unique and touching experiences to kick off the year and encourage school pride. I am grateful for the opportunities that TCNJ has offered, and standing in front of alumni, peers, family, and all campus community members will be an amazing approach to demonstrating my gratitude for these experiences. Though I have been honored with acknowledgments in the past year that have perfected my experience at TCNJ, I am confident that my efforts of commitment and integrity towards the college have continued to grow. Through maintaining my excitement towards encountering new opportunities to finalize my experience at the college, earning Lion Royalty will provide a space for me to thank and recognize my fellow colleagues, peers, and mentors who have supported me and truly made an impactful change and contribution to my early-adulthood as I exit this community.

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

Reflecting on every college tour I've attended, every school preached its offerings of networking opportunities and high number of student success rates. I truly believe TCNJ has lived up to that expectation. As a student who is involved in many areas of the campus community, I am impressed with the space I have been offered to connect with prospective and current out-of-state students like myself! It was assumed on my end that once I entered college I would be removed from the community of interested students from Pennsylvania, New York, and other states other than New Jersey. This was not the case. I have been impressed and appreciative of the connection that administrators and admission counselors have provided to myself and other students to continue to build the campus community through student connection. Sticking along the same lines, my other favorite thing about TCNJ is their eagerness for spirit and camaraderie. Being the mascot, it has been difficult to have students mirror the same excitement and passion that Roscoe has, though, with the recent addition of "Spirit Fridays" I have seen a substantial shift in school pride. Knowing the individuals behind the recent creation of this spirit day have such passion and excitement for the students, brings a sense of inclusivity and "HI" energy toward the campus which was longed for. I can confidently say that I am proud to be a student at TCNJ and look forward to savoring the last semester and a half ahead.