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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 is something that to me represents excellence. When looking at the past winners of the award I see people who I met on campus that were not only extremely involved, but also just a really good person. At the end of the day excellence is seen in achievements, awards, and involvement but to be truly excellent is to be a nice and gracious person. That's why I feel like I would be an ideal candidate for the court. My involvement in various organizations on campus such as working in Student Transitions as an Orientation Leader, being on the eboard of Kappa Delta Rho and HSS Peer Mentors, participating in shows in TCNJ Musical theatre, and working as an usher for audience services is telling of my work ethic and strive for excellence. I am always working to better these organizations and improve myself through said work. Former winners that I have seen around campus or had in classes similarly were very involved and wanted to improve campus life through their organizations. Moving away from my on campus characteristics, excellence requires not only academic involvement but also a great social involvement. I pride myself on being someone who is always ready to have a conversation, listen, and most of all is ready to have fun. Through my various clubs I've created life long relationships and memories with people, that I think have really helped me understand socially what is required to be excellent. A willingness to put yourself out there is the thing that has come to me the most. Without that drive, that passion, that need to be yourself in the room of so many others then you can't be excellent. To be a good person is to be yourself, and being here at TCNJ has made that good person come out and excellence in academics and social life has followed me. I firmly believe that I have demonstrated numerous characteristics through my academic and social involvement to be considered to be put on the lion royalty homecoming court.

What is your favorite thing about TCNJ and why?

My favorite thing about TCNJ has to be the brick buildings! I am just kidding but that is my response when people ask why I love this place, it's always a nice offbeat answer that changes it up. But my favorite thing about TCNJ is easily the people. I have never met a person on this campus that has been rude or mean to me in my four years here. Sure, some people and I don't get along because we are all human, but at the end of the day I just love almost every single person on the campus here. Being involved in so many organizations and positions has allowed me to meet people of all different backgrounds and identities, and I can say confidently that every single person has been exceptionally nice. Everyone treats each other with respect and admiration on this campus, and I am so appreciative of that. It has helped me bloom and become the person that I am today. I have met lifelong friends here that I have gone through my 4 years with, but also meet new people every day who are kind and just want to be friends. It truly is a great place and the people make it even better every single day. Whether it's in classes, at eikhoff hall, or in the rec center, everyone is treated with respect and kindness by each other. It's simply the thing about this campus that I just cannot say I love enough!