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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 two individuals who are essentially the blueprint for what being a TCNJ Lion is all about. Being a lion is about determination, productivity, kindness, flexibility, and the list could go on. Since I have come onto the TCNJ campus, I have felt a hunger for finding where I belong and exceeding expectations. While I have found myself in times where I struggle, this place has always made me feel sure of myself in ways I never thought were possible. Throughout the past year, I have found myself to take on two leadership positions; President of Alpha Xi Delta, and Secretary for TCNJ Musical Theatre, both in which are at least at a membership of 90 students. In Alpha Xi Delta, I have shown resilience in many ways. Despite not running for my chosen position, I have taken it on and been able to show all of my sisters the true way of leading, which is with both kindness and determination. I have accomplished so much in my term, which leads me to believe I am ready to represent this organization in Lion Royalty. In TCNJ Musical Theatre, I have showcased personal growth and a constant need to make our organization the best it can be for our members. I have balanced these two leadership roles, a part-time job, and my academics while maintaining a reliable reputation for my peers and professors. These qualities showcase that I am a good fit for Lion Royalty.

What is your favorite thing about TCNJ and why?

My favorite thing about TCNJ is the support system that I have found here. Growing up, I never felt fully comfortable to be myself in school. I was frequently made fun of and felt like I truly never had a place in my hometown. As soon as I got to TCNJ, I found smiling faces everywhere I went, and I instantly knew that I found a place where I will be embraced, rather than resented. To this day, I don't see myself being far apart from Ewing again, as I have found my family. I have never been a part of a place where everyone is celebrated, and that is the kind of environment that I want to be in forever. In this world where there is so much hatred, everyone deserves to find a place where they feel as embraced as I do at TCNJ.