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## Student Government

Major: History Secondary/Special 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?**

Lion Royalty Homecoming Court embodies dedicated students to the college's mission, values, and engagement in the growth of its students in society. The Lions Royalty Homecoming Court represents the display of how TCNJ has created many diverse and well-rounded students with admiration for the College's dedication to its students. Personally, I possess these characteristics because I proudly represent The College of New Jersey in my everyday life. I am one of the First Generation stories of the College with my Asian American heritage to attend an institution in pursuits of a history education degree, which is uncommon for someone who may look like me, but this school has embraced me in academic achievements which has upheld one of its values of inclusive excellence. Most importantly, I chose to continue my education at TCNJ because I believe that the mission and values of the college is worth the sacrifices and hard work as I personally financial support myself to attend this institution. In my involvement at the college, I have been an active member in improving the college's values and mission for its student body in my role in Student Government to be a visible figure for advocacy and change-making. The ideal candidate of the Lions Royalty court is one that does not think of what can others do for them, but what can oneself do for others. Those are the qualities of a thoughtful member of society that the College has prioritized in my time here as a student.

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

My favorite thing about TCNJ is how there is a place for everyone to call the school "Home". The school has so many opportunities for club involvement and the formation of new organizations that it is nearly impossible to avoid any engagement with the tight-knitted community. When entering any of student organization sanctioned campus event, you feel like you can be apart of an already form community with open arms. There has been so many instances where I stumbled upon an event in the Student Center that I was nervous about going to if I did not have a friend, but somehow by the end of the event, I am eating a new dish for the first time, being cheered on to speak, or dancing in the center of the room. The community and sense of belonging that is natural to being apart of TCNJ is overwhelming and safe. Personally, from all the unique aspects of TCNJ, I have found myself in multiple circles that I can feel supported in. I don't believe many other schools can create that same environment to have even one circle of support, but I am privileged to be supported and belong to many friendship and professional groups.