

Hispanic Rey y Reina ENMU Questionnaire

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1. What made you want to run for ENMU's Reina Hispana?

Although my friends encouraged me to run for Reina, I ran because I wanted to celebrate and bring more awareness to the Hispanic culture not only here at Eastern but around the Portales community as well.

2. What made you attend ENMU?

ENMU has small class sizes, is close to home, and is the only school in the state with a program for my major.

3. Describe where you are from and your family heritage.

I was born and raised in Las Vegas, NM before moving to Albuquerque. Although I have lived in New Mexico my entire life, I come from a Mexican background.

4. How do you embrace your culture?

I embrace my culture by spending as much time as I can with my family, not only celebrating cultural traditions, but always learning about old ones as well. A lot of traditions may have been lost over time, but knowing where you come from and your background always makes you appreciate your culture that much more.

5. What do you feel you can contribute to Multicultural Affairs?

I feel like I can contribute to Multicultural affairs by celebrating my culture, sharing it and celebrating and learning about other cultures as well. Having a lot of diversity here at ENMU, it is important to celebrate all cultures and make everyone feel at home.

6. How would you encourage others to embrace their cultures?

I would encourage others to embrace their cultures by learning as much as they could about their culture first and then sharing with others not only in their culture but others too. Sometimes you learn more culture by learning about others and doing your research.

7. What is/was your favorite multicultural presentation so far?

My favorite multicultural presentation was the Miss Native competition because the presentations were so interesting and I learned so many surprising things about the individuals who ran.

8. What is your favorite thing about ENMU?

My favorite thing about ENMU is the culture and the close community that has been established here.

9. How has being the Hispanic Reina (queen) affected your perspective on your culture?

Being Hispanic Reina has completely changed my perspective on culture because it used to be just a normal everyday thing for me, but I have come to realize how much it has had an influence on my life and what a huge part of me it is.

10. What is the one aspect of the Hispanic culture you feel most passionate about?

The one aspect of my culture I feel most passionate about is the people and traditions that are carried on from generation to generation.

11. If you could describe the Hispanic culture with three words what would they be and why?

Bold. Colorful. Proud. This is because there is so many great things within the Hispanic culture to celebrate and it has so much diversity within itself. The culture truly has so many things to stand out for and be prideful of.

12. What's your favorite part about being Reina?

My favorite part about being Reina is getting to represent the culture at ENMU in a positive way and share my culture in the local community.

13. Who is your biggest influence and why?

My biggest influence is definitely my mom. She has been there for me through everything and has shared so much of what I know about my culture with me. She has inspired me and has taught me so much about how to succeed in life, and for that I am truly grateful.

14. If there is one thing you wanted the ENMU community to know about your culture what would it be?

If there is one thing you wanted the ENMU community to know about your culture, it would be that there are several subcultures within our culture and in several areas around the world.

15. What some advice you would give to future Reinas?

Advice that I would give to future Reinas would be don't be afraid to put yourselves out there, get involved as much as possible, and don't be afraid to share your experiences and culture because people will notice how well you're representing.