

Hispanic Rey y Reina ENMU Questionnaire

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1. What made you want to run for ENMU's Rey Hispano?

For the opportunity to represent my family and heritage to Eastern New Mexico University

2. What made you attend ENMU?

As a first generation student, it is very close to home and as an independent student it is very affordable.

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

My family is originally from Monterrey, Mexico. My family enjoys music, food, and working hard. My family has always been involved with horses and other animals, where I've learned a lot about.

4. How do you embrace your culture?

Music helps me show my pride in my culture. I love to sing-a-long with my family members and play instruments that are utilized in Mexico.

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

I am a very social and known on campus. I know that every day in the classroom and around campus I am not only representing myself but Multicultural Affairs as well.

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

Share your cultures to others. I am very interested in Pacific Islanders culture, religion, and in their way of life. I've seen movies such as Moana, and I think everything about them is amazing.

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

My favorite presentation would be the Christmas Party. It was well planned and everyone had lots of fun. The gift exchange was hilarious.

8. What is your favorite thing about ENMU?

ENMU is very calm and relaxing. I am from a small town in Texas so coming into Portales, New Mexico balanced out with my way of life.

9. How has being the Hispanic Rey (king) affected your perspective on your culture?

I show off my culture daily because everyone refers to me as the Hispanic King.

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

Definitely the music. The music itself is very passionate and makes you want to sing at the top of your lungs.

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

Passionate

Hardworking

Self-Determined

12. What's your favorite part about being rey (king)?

I love being a part of something that is bigger than myself and becoming Hispanic King is about me not representing myself but EVERY Hispanic Student at Eastern New Mexico University.

13. Who is your biggest influence and why?

My brother Henry "T.J." Tijerina, T.J.'s passion was to graduate from college and become successfully enough to support his family. I am happy that I have the opportunity to fulfill his dreams.

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

I was raised in a tough family that influenced me to overcome any obstacles I may face as a young adult. We are very hardworking and determined to improve, not for ourselves but for our family generations to come. I am the first in my family to graduate high school and I will pursue to be the first to graduate college. After college, I plan to successfully start a trend of my family members having the opportunity to experience college.

15. What some advice you would give to future rey's (kings)?

It is an honor to be crowned as Hispanic King. Keep in mind, you are now the face of Hispanic Students that are just as hardworking as you. Now it is your turn to make a difference and change the stereotypes of Hispanics today.