



Princess Bio

Name: Laedyn Romero

School: Benson Polytechnic High School

Year in school: Senior

Career plans: I am considering becoming a Trauma Room Nurse, Traveling Nurse, or a Pediatric RN

High School Activities & Honors: Senior Class President, Varsity Track & Field, Soccer Team, Native American Culture Club, CommuniCARE

Hobbies and special interests:

I am a member of a hip-hop dance team, and I also practice aerial silks. I first picked up a hula-hoop when I was 5 years old, and I have hilarious memories of performing with it for my fifth-grade talent show. I also find joy in drawing and doodling to help quiet my mind. Beyond these personal interests, I have a deep love for working with children. I've worked with kids at TrackersPDX, an organization focused on outdoor skills and education, as well as helping watch over my younger brothers, who I love dearly.

What are you most proud of during your high school career?:

I'm proud of my growth, especially during my freshman year amidst the pandemic. Juggling online learning and helping with my newborn brother, I overcame learning disabilities and changed my approach to education. Having always struggled with school, this was a turning point for me. I finished the year as the top student in my class, and have since taken on several A.P. classes, which once seemed out of reach.

What is your favorite Rose Festival event and why?:

My favorite event is the Starlight Parade, and it's not just the floats and lights. This parade holds a special place in my heart as a symbol of magic and hope during a difficult chapter in my life. When my mother and I were staying at the women's homeless shelter, we couldn't afford to go out, but she brought me to the parade. No matter how difficult things may have seemed, she always made sure it was special for me. I have this memory of us at the parade. While watching the princesses, she told me "That could be you someday," and ever since then becoming a Rose Festival Princess has been my biggest dream. That shining light of hope and joy in any circumstance is what the Starlight Parade represents to me.