

Princess Bio

Name: Jillian North [JILL-ee-an North]

School: METRO EAST - Lakeridge High School

Birthplace: Portland, OR

Parents/Guardians: Joanna North and Jerry North

Siblings: none

Year in school: Senior

Future education plans:

I plant to attend Portland State University and major in psychology.

Career plans:

I am going to be a marriage and family therapist after I finish a Master's or Ph.D. program. I also want to write books about psychology and new ways of thinking about family and marriage in modern society while working as a therapist.

High School Activities & Honors:

Played on JV tennis team junior year. Welcoming Committee for incoming freshmen during sophomore year, including helping to plan orientation day. Club member "From Me To You" Children's Books which involves making and delivering books to a children's hospital.

Hobbies and special interests:

From the ages of 7 to 17 I was a competitive figure skater at Sherwood Ice Arena, competing in the Regional Championships multiple times. I also work at Fred Meyer as a cashier and since COVID-19, it's nice to brighten peoples' days and give them a bit of positivity when they come in. I also love to paint. Some artists that inspire me are Keith Herring, Kehinde Wiley, and Erika Lee Sears.

What is your favorite place to visit in Portland and why?

My favorite place to visit in Portland is Washington Park. It is such a beautiful spot in Portland and there is a lot you can do there, including hiking, city views, and visiting the roses. Washington Park is also an important piece of Portland history for 150 years as a place for Portlanders to visit.

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

I'm proud of how much I have changed since my first day of high school. I think 15-year-old Jillian would be proud of where she is right now. I have grown more confident, learned to accept myself, appreciate others, question the world, and stand for what I believe in. I think confidence is success.

What is your favorite Rose Festival event and why?

My favorite Rose Festival event is the parade because ever since I was six or seven I always thought it was so cool that in my little town there was a festival just to celebrate our city of Portland.

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