



## Princess Bio

**Name:** **Beatriz Santiago-Perez** [BEE-uh-triz SAN-TEE-ah-go purr-EZ]

**School:** Grant High School

**Birthplace:** Oaxaca, Mexico

**Parents/Guardians:** Antonia Perez-Ruiz and Florencio Santiago-Manuel

**Siblings:** Christian

**Year in school:** Senior

### **Future education plans:**

I plan on attending a 4 year college in state and plan on getting my Bachelor's degree.

### **Career plans:**

I plan on being a social worker because I grew up translating for my parents at a really young age and I want to continue to help others.

### **High School Activities & Honors:**

Won an award called 'SI Se Puede' for recognition, presented by Portland Public Schools. I have received awards from SEI for having a 3.5-4.0 GPA. I was also awarded Student of the Month for October, 2018.

**Hobbies and special interests:** I am always helping out my family whether it is doing chores around the house or translating for them whenever it is needed. I also like to spend time with my younger brother. When the COVID restriction got lifted I wrote letters and dropped them off at a retirement home. In middle school I participated in a program called the Maurice Lucas Foundation which was a great opportunity where I was provided with tutors to help out with homework, making sure that I felt prepared for high school. Before COVID hit I would go tutor the middle schoolers who participated in the Maurice Lucas foundation and help them out with homework whenever I was free.

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

International Rose Test Garden because I like to look at the flowers and to spend some time outside, and to smell the perfume the flowers leave in the air.

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

Being the first person in my family to go to high school, I was able to maintain good grades although my parents weren't able to help due to the language barrier at home.

### **What is your favorite Rose Festival event and why?**

My favorite Rose Festival event is the Starlight Parade because I like to see how everyone is excited to see the beautiful lights. I always liked to look at the Rose Princesses on the float because they looked nice and elegant.

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