



## Princess Bio

**Name:** Sophia Chin [so-FEE-uh Chin]  
**School:** Benson Polytechnic High School  
**Birthplace:** Lansing, MI  
**Parents/Guardians:** Cynthia Shaff-Chin and Pete Chin  
**Siblings:** Tesla  
**Year in school:** Senior

### Future education plans:

5-year Bachelor of architecture program at Drexel University or Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

### Career plans:

I want to make a difference as an architect with sustainable & green infrastructure, and affordable housing.

### High School Activities & Honors:

President of Benson's National Honor Society in 20-21. Cross country team captain since 2019. I was awarded most inspirational & most improved in 2018, and most dedicated & most valuable player in 2019.

**Hobbies and special interests:** I love reading fantasy stories, and I've dedicated more time to cooking this year. Most of my free time is dedicated to exercising for cross country. I am part of the Design Advisory Group for the Benson Remodel. I participated in the ACE (architecture, construction, engineering) Mentorship Program in Winter and Spring of 2020 and the ACE Mentorship Program's Construction Industry Round TableCompetition Team. Both years of ACE & the DAG have given me further insight into what my career as an architect may look like.

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

I love walking though the historic neighborhoods of Portland, especially Irvington, Laurelhurst and Mt. Tabor. As an architecture enthusiast, I enjoy all the different kinds of beautiful homes in these neighborhoods.

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

I am most proud of sticking with cross country and battling through my anxiety that came with racing. With practice I was able to work through my fear and power through. The years of long, hard practices have built up my mental strength and grit as well as my physical strength. I know that attitude of perseverance will help me greatly in the coming years.

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

My favorite part of the Rose Festival is the Rose Show. Each year my elementary/middle school would have students would bring their own roses to school for judging by a visiting Royal Rosarian. The whole school would pack into the gym to hear speeches and poems, and at the end we would sing "What A Wonderful World," an experience that was incredibly beautiful and emotional every year.

**Unitus Community Credit Union Mentor:** Aimee Berg