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**What Does Rose City Reunion Mean to You?**

To me Rose City Reunion means bringing the Portland community back together again! The Rose Festival is an event that has always been a part of my life; since I was a kid. After not being able to participate in the event due to the pandemic, this year we can come together again. The Rose Festival is an event many adore both young and old, it's an event that puts a smile on people's faces over and over again. This event allows Portlanders to experience the rich history of the Rose Festival and it has continued to happen for over 115 years.

I believe the Rose Festival is something every Portlander should have the opportunity to experience in their life. This year I hope Portlanders get to emerge themselves into the Rose Festival experience as I have before. This event has been happening for over 115 years and even though the past two we haven't been able to celebrate, this year will make up for it. Portland has a rich history with this event and I hope that it brings together the community as it has in prior years.