Princess Bio

Name: Anisha Dhoot
School: Westview High School
Year in school: Junior
Future education plans: Attend 4-year University to study Biomedical/Biochemical Engineering and Public Policy, followed by graduate studies
Career plans: Industry/academic career focused on environmental sustainability and impact on human health

High School Activities & Honors:

- Founder/President of two STEM clubs at Westview High School
- Two-time Presidential Volunteer Service Gold Medal Awards
- Two-time National STEM Champion (attended National STEM Festival in Washington DC)
- Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes
- America's Top 10 Young Scientist
- National Honors Society Officer, Blood Drive Coordinator
- Washington County Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Youth Award
- First Place Award at Oregon History Day and Best Oregon Project at National History Day (2024)
- Oregon History Day Club Board Member
- Beaverton School District Board Recognition for extracurricular achievements

Hobbies and special interest:

In my spare time, I enjoy few different activities. I have been an avid Taekwondo athlete and currently hold rank of 3rd degree Black Belt. I admire the balance of strength, harmony, humility, and overall personality development aspects of Taekwondo. I have been volunteering as Assistant Coach at local Taekwondo studio for the last 3 years helping younger students realize their goals. I enjoy playing piano (learning for the last 8 years) and swimming.

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

My most favorite place to visit in Portland is the Japanese Garden. I enjoy the beauty, serene atmosphere, and the different Japanese architectures and the significance behind them.

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

I am most proud of my achievements in Oregon History Day club at Westview. I joined that club as an incoming freshman admittedly without much interest in US or World History. However, through various club activities and research for Oregon History Day competition, my interest grew rapidly, and my team ended up winning First Place at State competition and Best in State Project Award at National History Day competition. I am now a Board Member of OHD club helping and mentoring fellow high school students discover their passion and interests.

What is your favorite Rose Festival event and why?

Grand Floral Parade of course! It is so vibrant, colorful, and full of energy. It is dear to my heart for another reason. As a 10 year old, I performed an Indian classical dance at CityFair stage in Waterfront Park alongside the parade and will cherish those memories for a long time.