



Princess Bio

Name: Ciara Rowden

School: Parkrose High School

Year in school: Senior

Future education plans: 4-year University and then to Medical School

Career plans: General Practitioner – considering a career in Psychology, Anesthesiology or Radiology

High School Activities & Honors:

- National Honors Society
- Black Student Union
- Improv Club
- President of Key Club
- Vice President of Youth HPV Club
- Peacemakers
- Poetry Club
- President of Black Student Union – Senior year
- AVID Speaker Contest winner
- Nominated to be a Delegate at The Congress of Future Medical Leaders.
- Student Leadership
- AVID
- Blood Drive Recruiter/Assistant ('24, '25)
- The PathFinders Club
- Student of the Month (Sept '25)
- ThingLab
- Next Up! Upturn ('23)
- Link Crew Committee
- Attendance Awareness Committee

Hobbies and special interest:

In my free time, I actively self-learn Japanese and Spanish, having found an interest in Spanish through my Spanish class from Freshman and Sophomore year, and an interest in Japanese for a love of the culture and sights. I tend to sometimes partake in social injustice work, while expressing my vulnerabilities and passion through artistic strokes of a brush, words on a page, or the crisp sounds of a pencil sliding across paper. You may also find me creating fantasies when reading while listening to one of my many playlists. I can also be found playing video games from time to time, enjoying playing co-op games with my family.

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

My favorite place in Portland to visit is Mississippi street during the Mississippi street fair. From the culture to community, I can't help but love the event.

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

What I'm most proud of so far in my high school career as of now would be the AVID Speaker Contest award. When my speech was thankfully chosen, I was given the opportunity to give my speech live for an audience of thousands. The whole point of me doing something like this is to be a voice for people who were once like me, who feel like they don't have a voice anymore, who are scared and vulnerable. I want people to see me and be inspired, to enable them to take chances and just try. Even if there's a chance of failure, I want everyone to know that they can do great things and reach out to others as long as they're willing to.

What is your favorite Rose Festival event and why?

My favorite Rose Festival event, like most others, would have to be the Starlight Parade. I remember it captivating, me like a moth to a flame. Everything about the atmosphere comes together, and it leaves you spiraling in wonder and curiosity, happiness and pride, really setting the moment and truly cementing it as a key memory for generations to come.