



## Princess Bio

**Name:** Dorjee Yangzom

**School:** Franklin High School

**Year in school:** Junior

**Future education plans:** 4-year University to prepare for Medical School

**Career plans:** Pediatrician

### High School Activities & Honors:

- Asian American Association (Club) Representative
- Community Choice Award "Build-A-Brain" Neuroscience Competition

### Hobbies and special interest:

In my spare time, I love hiking, practicing photography, and volunteering with youth and community programs.

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

My favorite place to visit in Portland is OMSI. After spending so much time volunteering there, it really became a place that inspires me to keep learning and stay curious. My favorite part about OMSI is getting to see how excited kids get about science, it warms my heart and reminds me why I love volunteering with young children.

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

I'm most proud of the personal growth I've experienced throughout high school, especially the moment I performed a cultural Tibetan dance at the "My Story & My Community" event while representing Franklin's AP Chinese program. Sharing my story and Tibetan identity on stage in Chinese was something I never imagined doing when I first started high school. As one of the only two Tibetan students, I really struggled with confidence and didn't always feel comfortable taking up space. Preparing for that performance & then standing on stage telling my family's story in a different language reminded me how important cultural representation is. That experience deepened my commitment to honoring my community and identity, and it has become one of the defining moments of my growth, which is something I'm truly proud of.

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

My favorite Rose Festival event is the Grand Floral Parade! I love the energy, seeing the whole city brought together, families, different cultural groups, schools, people of all ages gathering to celebrate Portland. It's one of the times Portland feels the most bright, alive and connected.