



Princess Bio

Name: Taliyah Pratt

School: Jefferson High School

Year in school: Senior

Future education plans: 4-year University to study Criminal Justice, minor in Theater

Career plans: Civil Rights Attorney and act in community theater

High School Activities & Honors:

- Student Body Vice President
- Thespian Troupe 124's Co-President
- Theater Club
- Book Club
- Choir

Hobbies and special interest:

In my free time I like to sing, perform in community theater, and read (Especially on black history and civil rights). I enjoy sewing, arts and crafts, and hiking. I also have a really big interest in fashion, makeup, and beauty! I like experimenting with many different styles.

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

My favorite place in Portland is Cullen's Corner! What makes the place so special (despite its small size) are the owners there. It's the go-to corner store for all the kids at Jefferson. The owners there have remained kind, generous, and thoughtful. I remember a couple of years ago I was waiting for my dad to pick me up after rehearsal, he was taking a while so I decided to wait outside of Cullen's in the dark. The owner saw me, brought me inside, made me tea, and kept me company while he cleaned up his shop. I got picked up very soon after that, but the hospitality and kindness he showed me makes that my favorite spot to this day.

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

I'm most proud of the Arts Appreciation Assembly I put on last year. Being a member of theater and choir and close with those in dance, I realized that there weren't any big opportunities for all of the Arts at Jefferson to collaborate. I began planning an assembly with the JD2's and JD's dancing, theater performing, choir singing, band playing, photography slideshows, creative writing pieces, and setting up a gallery in the lobby for visual arts. In the end it turned out perfect! But what made it all truly worth it was seeing the teamwork between these different groups, and the excitement in the audience when they watched their community perform.

What is your favorite Rose Festival event and why?

My favorite rose festival event is the Grand Floral Float Parade! I love the fact that so many different performing groups get their chance to shine, the skilled and beautiful craftsmanship of each float, and the sense of community that it brings to everyone who attends!