



Princess Bio

Name: Piper Winder [PIE-per WIN-der]
School: St. Mary's Academy
Birthplace: Hunan, China
Parents/Guardians: Mark Winder and Shauna Winder
Siblings: None
Year in school: Senior

Future education plans:

I plan to go to college to study electrical and computer engineering.

Career plans:

I hope to have a job that involves biomedical studies and engineering.

High School Activities & Honors: I was a part of the varsity swim team in 9th and 10th grades and made it to state finals in both years. In 11th grade I joined my school's all female robotics team, Beta Blules, which is one of the very few all female FRC robotics team in the Pacific Northwest.

Hobbies and special interest: Baking takes up most of my time outside of school. I enjoy the precise science of mixing ingredients together to create something delicious. I also spend time listening to podcasts or watching tutorial videos involving coding and new technological innovations.

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

I live pretty close to the Willamette River and that is my favorite place to go. Often times I will find myself walking along the Springwater Corridor. Out in nature listening to the leaves rustle, the water calmly flowing, and the occasional rumble of a train lends itself to such a meditative state.

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

I've been a co-leader for APIC (Asian Pacific Islander Club) for the last two years. Last year I was a part of creating a Rice Around the World event. This event involved all the affinity groups coming together to share our own cultural dishes that involve rice.

What is your favorite Rose Festival event and why?

The Grand Floral Parade is my favorite due to a previous Court Princess that visited my 4th grade classroom. As a 10 year old I was awestruck, not only was she this beautiful person, but she looked like me, spoke Chinese like me and had such enchanting social skills. I knew from then on that I wanted to inspire and wanted to be a role model just like her.

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