



Princess Bio

Name: Stella Jackson [STEL-la JACK-son]
School: McDaniel High School
Birthplace: Milwaukie, OR
Parents/Guardians: Allison Jackson
Siblings: Joshua and Alexandria
Year in school: Junior

Future education plans:

I plan to attend an Ivy League College and get either a Master's or Doctoral degree.

Career plans:

I plan to become an attorney or go into the sciences.

High School Activities & Honors: I am the co-Junior representative of McDaniel High School, and a founder of the Passion Impact Volunteer Event Program (VEP), a nonprofit that focuses on students to foster self-awareness, interpersonal understanding, and social justice through civic leadership. I am also involved with College Possible and Upward Bound, college-readiness programs that help students plan for their future.

Hobbies and special interest: In my spare time I enjoy volunteering with Passion Impact, practicing trumpet (which I play in my school's Jazz Ensemble), listening to music, and reading fictional novels. In addition to these activities, I love going to the tennis courts by my school and playing with a few friends before school starts.

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

Just thinking of Ed Benedict Park brings a smile to my face and reminds me of the fun I had there with my best friends. We would go after school my Freshman year where we would play in the basketball courts, walk down the walkways, or just sit in the grass and help each other with homework. When the pandemic hit, it was harder for us to meet, yet we still did - all while being masked up and socially distanced.

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

My proudest accomplishment in high school to date is ranking first, academically, out of 261 students. This makes me feel like my hard work throughout my freshman year, and especially during my fully-online sophomore year, was all worth it.

What is your favorite Rose Festival event and why?

Watching the marching bands parade down the streets has always been my favorite part of the Rose Festival. As a musician myself, seeing everyone's hard work to create such a vibrant and electric atmosphere deeply resonates with me. It's amazing to watch everyone in the crowd enjoy and love the music as much as I do.

Unitus Community Credit Union Mentor: Autumn Foster