

Princess Bio

Name: Ava Rathi

School: Lincoln High School

Year in school: Senior

Future education plans: 4-year university in international affairs, political science, or business.

Career plans: I am interested in a career in international relations or public policy.

High School Activities & Honors:

- Created interactive art kits for pediatric patients
- Captain of Speech & Debate
- 5th in State and "Proven Excellence" award in Informative Speaking
- National Qualifier from North Oregon
- Director of Finance and Civics Tutor for Mission: Citizen non-profit
- National Honor Society
- BWB Forum "Happy Teens Website Design Challenge" Winner
- Mock Trial

Hobbies and special interest: I enjoy creating art through drawing, sewing, and painting. I also love reading thriller/mystery novels and watching horror movies. Lastly, I enjoy skiing at Mount Hood.

What is your favorite place to visit in Portland and why? My favorite place to visit in Portland is the Japanese Gardens. It has a calm atmosphere and beautiful design. It was one of the first places I visited after moving to this city and I have been enamored with the architecture and nature since I was a kid.

What are you most proud of during your high school career? One of the things I'm most proud of during my high school career was being in a school play. It was a student-written and acted Black Box production and completely outside of my comfort zone. However, writing and performing my monologue and working closely with a talented cast gave me some confidence and allowed me to express my creativity in a new way.

What is your favorite Rose Festival event and why? My favorite part is the Grand Floral Parade! I love how it creates so much community spirit as well as this palpable sense of excitement and tradition. I think the parade is a fun and inclusive celebration of Portland.