

Princess Bio

Name: Esther Lian

School: St. Mary Academy

Year in school: Junior

Future education plans: Bachelor's degree to Master's degree

Career plans: Business - Marketing/Management

High School Activities & Honors: Provide snacks and drinks and hot meals for runners. Help set up and clean up with a tent and restore food. I am involved in Robotics, Rose choir, Volleyball, and Track & Field. I was recognized as an ambassador and a leader of the Immigrant and Refugee Student Union and a student leader for the freshman retreat. In addition, I'm involved in the Asian & Pacific Lander Club, Women of Color in Action, and the South Asian Student Association.

Hobbies and special interest: In my free time, I like to cook, craft, dance, and take photos of anything that makes me happy. I enjoy walking and chatting with friends and hanging out with youth groups. When I'm alone, I often watch movies, play games with my sisters, or journal about my day.

What is your favorite place to visit in Portland and why? My favorite place to visit is the Grotto, it's one of the most breathtaking places that I have visited. It's both spiritual healing and connecting with nature. The view is specular and so beautiful as well as the Church inside the Grotto. They have this cute little shop where you can buy saints' names or rosaries with Christ's art. It's one of the best places to be.

What are you most proud of during your high school career? Over the past four years, I'm most proud of the friendships I've built and cherished. My friends inspire me, and I feel incredibly lucky to belong to a group filled with love and carefree energy. Everyone I've connected with has become a friend for good reason. What I value most in a friend is their sense of humor, their goals, and their kindness. I truly love my friends, they are a reflection of who I am.

What is your favorite Rose Festival event and why? I've never been to a Rose Festival event, but I had a memorable encounter with it once. I remember sitting in the pharmacy area at Fred Meyer as a little girl when a big Teddy Bear mascot came up to me and handed me a gift. At first, I had no idea what was going on, but then I noticed a bunch of kids in festive outfits arriving. That's when I realized it was part of the Fred Meyer Junior Parade after many years.