

"A feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen." According to Google this is the definition of hope. But for my parents and I, hope is an important word it means to work hard no matter the circumstances. The hope my parents had for me was to have the access to the opportunities they weren't able to have and to continue with my education and to obtain that diploma they both weren't able to have. When COVID started, my parents and I didn't lose hope that things would get a little better. This is one of the many obstacles that life has thrown at me and this wasn't going to stop me from accomplishing my dream to attend college.

Having the Rose Festival can bring hope to the community by showing them that the 2021 Rose Festival Court had a positive attitude and kept motivated to work hard even though we are living in an unfortunate situation. I hope the Rose Festival brings hope to the community just like when everyone had the hope to see friends and family when quarantine restrictions were lifted. With the Rose Festival I would like the community to not only focus on their long-term goal but it's also important to focus on their short-term goals; goals of coming together, celebrating, and making the world the place we all want to return to.