

Princess Bio

Name: Janiya Thompson

School: Jefferson High School

Year in school: Senior

Future education plans: 4-year University, majoring in graphic design.

Career plans: With a degree in graphic design, I plan to work in illustration/ animation or do marketing/ media design.

High School Activities & Honors:

- Cleaned, organized, and repaired books that were donated to children across
- Mock Trial
- Theater
- Choir
- Student government
- BSU
- MESD Outdoor School
- Junior class President
- Ya Heard! (open mic)

Hobbies and special interest: Though spare time is rare, I enjoy expressing myself through activities like drawing, painting, bracelet making, and gaming, often with podcasts or video essays in the background. I love creating something new while simultaneously taking in information from these sources.

What is your favorite place to visit in Portland and why? I love visiting Mississippi St for its vibrant mix of experiences, entertainment, and great food. Whether I'm with friends or exploring on my own, it always offers new adventures and feels like a perfect representation of Portland.

What are you most proud of during your high school career? I'm most proud of my poetry, especially the impact it has had. My poem "Teacher Love," written during the teacher union strike, was published by the teacher union and resonated deeply with many educators, making me proud of how my words could inspire and connect with others.

What is your favorite Rose Festival event and why? The Starlight Parade has always been iconic and engraved in my mind. Before I moved to Portland I remember being brought to the parade on my visits and it was always a highlight of the trip. It's Portland at its most enchanting and wholesome. It reminds you what a place of opportunity and community our Rose City is.