

## Princess Bio

**Name:** Meerali Patel

**School:** Central Catholic Highschool

**Year in school:** Junior

**Future education plans:** I plan on going to a 4 year university and go to law school after that.

**Career plans:** Business Lawyer, Financial Consultant, or Economics Consultant.

### High School Activities & Honors:

- Honor Roll
- Rambassador Scholarship Recipient
- Leader of Womens Coalition
- Varsity Lacrosse Player
- Marketing and Communications Intern for the Communications Department
- Mock Trial team
- Constitutional Debate Team
- Central State of Mind Coordinator, Leader and Speaker

**Hobbies and special interest:** Varsity Lacrosse, volunteering at the Oregon Food Bank, and completing a Marketing and Communications Internship. Additionally, I work as a childcare facilitator and serve as the leader of the Women's Coalition at my high school. I am a member of the Asian American Hotelier Owners Association. I also manage social media for the Gujarati Samaj of Oregon, serve as a school ambassador and organize yearly diversity equity and inclusion workshops at my high school.

**What is your favorite place to visit in Portland and why?** Even before the amazing renovations the PDX airport has always been the most representative of a city's spirit in my opinion. With the kind staff that have always made my family feel welcome, the wide variety of art that showcases our beautiful city and of course the amazing food that I am not afraid to eat before a long haul flight I genuinely look forward to going to the airport before a flight.

**What are you most proud of during your high school career?** One of the proudest moments of my high school career was my offering to go to an Intensive Law Trial at Stanford Univeristy. In this I threw myself into activities that allowed me to utilize my skills in debate, problem solving and research.

**What is your favorite Rose Festival event and why?** My Favorite Rose Festival Event is the Starlight parade. When I was younger my grandma and I would watch the Starlight parade every year. She was amazed by the beautiful lights, the bands and the overall mysticism of the event. My grandmother first moved to America in the 80s and would tell me how every year when the Starlight parade was in town that she always loved how beautiful it was.