

Princess Bio

Name: Sivan Safran

School: Ida B Wells High School

Year in school: Senior

Future education plans: Dual Degree Program at Barnard College of Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary. I'm planning on majoring in Urban Studies and Jewish History.

Career plans: I'm interested in pursuing a career in documentary filmmaking.

High School Activities & Honors:

- Grant requests for non-profit organizations throughout Oregon
- Track
- Theater cast member
- Yearbook copywriter
- PEAK Committee
- Jewish Student Union (Co-President)
- Muslim Student Association

Hobbies and special interest: In my spare time I like to explore Oregon's natural world through the lens of my camera, participate in the arts by playing the drums and making jewelry, and by leading youth groups in Portland's Jewish community.

What is your favorite place to visit in Portland and why? Forest Park – All my life I've loved nature. I was born into a family of park rangers, backroads bike trip leaders, and commune members who worshiped Mother Earth.

What are you most proud of during your high school career? I'm most proud of my continued advocacy for incarcerated people who face hurdles to access basic health care. I first learned about this issue while my father was representing a battered women unjustly imprisoned for killing an abusive pimp who forced her into prostitution.

What is your favorite Rose Festival event and why? I love the Rose Festival because it serves as my official ritual heralding in summer. It's an almost sacred celebration and reminder of how beautiful our city is when it isn't being drenched with rain or engulfed by fog. Out of all of the events, one has always stood out to me – the Dragon Boat Races. As a kid I remember rushing to the riverfront just to catch a glimpse of the fleet of ornate boats gliding over the smooth water.