

Rose Festival Princess Bio

Name: Sharice Jackson (pronounced Sha-**rees Jack**-sun)

School: Benson High School

Birthplace: Portland, Oregon

Parents/Guardians: Christine Rath and Michael Jackson

Siblings: Marquis Thomas, Tyrece Jaskson and Jennessa Jackson

Year in school: Senior

Age: 17

Future education & career plans:

Attend a four year university followed by graduate school and pursue a career as a child psychologist

High School Activities & Honors:

President of Diversity Club, mentor (3 years), Varsity track, volleyball

Hobbies and special interests:

listening to music, photography, spending time with family and hanging out with friends

Person you admire most:

Oprah Winfrey: "She is an inspiration to all women. Her journey is truly amazing. Her story lets me know that as an African American woman in a low-income family, I can accomplish my goals. She is someone I look up to, admire and respect. "

What have you discovered about yourself during high school?

"The most important thing I have learned about myself is that I have a tremendous amount of perseverance. In high school I have experienced many struggles and not once have I given up. I face my challenges head on and do not get discouraged. I have discovered that I can accomplish anything I put my mind to."

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