



2023 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Royal Court

Salia Baligh is a senior at Alverno Heights Academy and lives in Pasadena. She is currently captain of the school basketball team, Senior Class secretary and treasurer, president of the ASL Club, an Alverno Ambassador, vice president of the Fashion Club, member of the Social Justice Club, the Science Club, the Bake a Change Charity, National Art Honor Society, a track and field athlete and CIF First Team All-League basketball player. Salia enjoys photography, volunteering, sports and painting. Growing up with hearing loss and once living in Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Salia plans to study medicine with a focus on sports or ear, nose and throat and is interested in attending UCLA, USC, Stanford, UC Berkley, Cal Lutheran or a Cal State University. Salia is the daughter of Samer Baligh and Dalia Abougharbia and has a brother, Samer, and two sisters, Sahara and Sabrina.

Bella Ballard is a senior at The Ogburn School, a distance learning school, and lives in Altadena. She is currently a volunteer with Ronald McDonald House Charities, a volunteer soccer coach with Chelsea Football Club, a soccer player at Santa Clarita Blue Heat Football Club, West Coast Football Club, a street soccer player at Venice Beach Football Club and a tennis player at The Arroyo Seco and Flint Canyon Tennis Clubs. Bella enjoys reading, calligraphy, collecting vinyl records, playing chess and learning about astronomy and astrophysics. She will be attending Yale in the fall and is interested in studying economics, law and astrophysics. Bella is the daughter of Joseph and Angela Ballard and has a sister, Samantha.

Michelle Cortez-Peralta is a senior at Pasadena High School and lives in Pasadena. She is currently president and founder of the Girls Learning Internal (GLI) Club, Student Board Representative on ASB, a member of the Class of 2023 Club, the baking club, tutoring club, co-captain of the girls varsity tennis team and was a Rose Parade Student Ambassador. Michelle is also a member of MOSTe (Mentoring Our Students Through experiences), Saint Elizabeth's Children's Choir, California Scholarship Federation, TRIO Upward Bound at Cal State Los Angeles and the Creative Arts Media and Design Academy at her high school. She enjoys hand embroidery, reading, graphic design, volunteering, advocating for women's rights, and spending time with family and friends. Michelle plans to study civil or environmental engineering and is interested in attending USC, UCI, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo or Stanford University. Michelle is the daughter of Antonio Cortez and Bertha Peralta and has a younger brother, Daniel.

Adrian Crick is a senior at Sequoyah School and lives in Altadena. She is currently president of the Sequoyah High School STEM Institute; teen volunteer at the Altadena Library; band leader, drummer and pianist in the Gryphon Ensemble; serves as an Admissions Ambassador and grade representative at Sequoyah; and is a teen member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Adrian feeds her insatiable curiosity by gardening, cooking, learning new instruments, photographing my world, hiking, sewing, playing tennis and training her dog. She plans to study the intersection of business, technology and media, and is in the process of deciding where she will pursue her studies and continue to feed her curiosity. Adrian is the daughter of Ian Crick and Windy Watson-Crick and has a younger sister, Ava.



Zoë Denoncourt is a senior at Marshall Fundamental and lives in Pasadena. She is currently president of the French Club, vice president of Yoga Club, secretary of Orienteering Club, treasurer, and current member of her varsity softball team. Zoë enjoys running, drawing, sports and volunteering and was participated in cheerleading and was captain of her varsity soccer team. She is undecided in her area of study but is interested in business, law or international studies and is in the process of deciding which college or university she will attend. Zoë is the daughter of Daniel and Gwenn-Aël Denoncourt and has a younger sister, Uma.

Sahanna Rajinikanthan is a senior at Arcadia High School and lives in Arcadia. She is currently president of the Chemistry Club, lead programmer and builder on the Vex Robotics Team, information desk leader at USC Hospital, library volunteer, an assistant singing teacher at the non-profit organization Araneri and involved in swimming. Sahanna enjoys reading, dancing, singing, piano and has tutored at a women's center in Pasadena. She plans to study electrical engineering and is interested in attending Caltech, Georgia Tech, a University of California or California State University. Sahanna is the daughter of Rajinikanthan Seshadri and Geetha Rajinikanthan and has a younger brother, Rishab Raaj.

Uma Wittenberg is a senior at La Cañada High School and lives in La Cañada. She is currently a princess on the 2022 Miss La Cañada Flintridge Royal Court, member of the Les Fleurettes Debutante program, senior class treasurer, media coordinator of the Teens Advancement for Children's Hospital (TACH) Club, member of the LCHS theater program, member of the California Scholarship Federation and National Honors Society. Uma enjoys playing tennis, photography and cooking. She plans to study business, marketing, economics or finance and is interested in attending New York University, Columbia University, Barnard College, UC Berkeley or UCLA. Uma is the daughter of Vanesa Wittenberg and the late Mark Wittenberg and has a sister, Mila.