2027 Rose Court Bios

Evita Cielo Bridge is a senior at Mayfield Senior School who is active in athletics, leadership and service. She serves on the Athletic Leadership Council, is the student director of the dance team, and has played varsity soccer and captained her club team at California Athletics Soccer Club. Evita gives back to her community by volunteering with Once Upon a Room, which decorates hospital rooms for children, and Club 21, which supports individuals with Down syndrome and their families. She enjoys building flower Lego sets, baking banana bread for her family, and discovering new coffee shops with friends. Evita also has an entrepreneurial spirit and started her own banana bread business during the COVID-19 pandemic, selling to neighbors and friends. She has visited more than 10 countries and hopes to attend an out-of-state university to study business with a focus on entrepreneurship. Evita hopes to launch her own venture one day or help her mother run the family business. She looks forward to continuing to explore opportunities that combine her creativity, business interests and desire to connect with others. Evita is the daughter of Evy and Jason Bridge and has a twin brother, DeAngelo.

Tessa Rose Choi is a senior at La Cañada High School whose interests bring together entrepreneurship, science and service. She founded and leads Hands to Heart, a global nonprofit supporting children and families affected by neuroblastoma, and serves as president of Omid for Girls, which teaches math and English to girls in Afghanistan. At school, Tessa founded and leads Business Youth of America and serves as co-president of Women in STEM. She also previously served on her school's Student Tech Council, advising the district superintendent of technology on initiatives involving AI, phone policies and classroom learning tools. A varsity basketball and golf athlete, Tessa enjoys trying new healthy recipes, watching movies with friends and taking sunset walks. She is interested in the intersection of business and biotechnology and hopes to explore the commercial side of the biotechnology industry. Tessa plans to attend college with an interest in Stanford University or Columbia University and is considering studying business or biotechnology. She is also left-handed but plays golf right-handed and has a special connection to her middle name, Rose. Tessa is the daughter of Scott and Alice Choi and has a younger brother, Martin.

Daniela Anaíd Guzmán is a senior at Arcadia High School whose love of soccer, community service, and mentorship has shaped her goals for the future. She has played soccer since she was seven years old and currently competes on her school's varsity team and with LA Surf GA 2009. Daniela is also involved in AVID and Crossage, where she works with younger students through physical education activities. She volunteers at community events focused on health and wellness and has participated in service opportunities supporting mental health initiatives. Daniela is bilingual in English and Spanish and enjoys spending time with family and friends, listening to music, creative activities and celebrating her Mexican heritage. She hopes to attend a four-year university where she can continue playing soccer while studying psychology, sports psychology or sports medicine. Daniela's long-term interests are rooted in helping others, particularly through promoting mental wellness and supporting athletes. She wants to build a career that combines those passions with her lifelong connection to sports. Daniela is the daughter of Diana and Jose Eduardo Guzmán and has a brother, Lorenzo.

Irene Lim Maddox is a senior at Eagle Rock High School with a passion for storytelling, leadership and community involvement. She serves as editor-in-chief of broadcast journalism for the Eagle's Scream, the school newspaper, and founded and serves as president of the Korean Culture Club. Irene is also secretary of Model United Nations and a youth group leader at Christian Assembly Church. She is captain of both the Eagle Rock High School Varsity Swim Team and Varsity Girls Water Polo Team. Irene previously competed in figure skating and has participated in swimming and volleyball throughout Pasadena. She enjoys reading, public speaking, and creative writing, as well as swimming and watching vintage movies with her dad. Irene is fluent in English and Korean and hopes to pursue higher education at Pepperdine University, UCLA, UC Irvine or Stanford University. She is interested in studying English, political science, law or broadcast journalism. Irene is the daughter of Grace and Larry Maddox and has one sister, Erin.

Maria Teresa Monserrat McDonald is a senior at Thurgood Marshall Secondary School. She is an active leader, student-athlete and advocate for her community. Maria serves as president of her school's Photography Club, vice president of the Class of 2027, president of the Prom Committee and captains both the Thurgood Marshall Cross Country and Track and Field teams. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and participates in UCLA's Early Academic Outreach Program. Beyond campus, Maria volunteers through the Altadena WILD Student Ambassador Program and has supported youth programs through the Pasadena Education Foundation. Outside of school and athletics, she enjoys canvas painting, gardening, cooking, exploring movies and shows and trying different cuisines. Maria hopes to pursue a healthcare career, with goals that include becoming a labor and delivery nurse or traveling nurse and eventually owning an elderly care home or women's health clinic. She is interested in studying nursing, nursing administration, healthcare entrepreneurship or molecular biology and is considering universities including UCLA, USC, Stanford University, Pomona College and others. Maria is the daughter of Brian and Varinia McDonald and is one of eight siblings.

Elizabeth Tabaro Kengaju Rweyemamu is a senior at Polytechnic School with a passion for writing, civic engagement, service and the arts. She founded and leads Panthers Forward, a community engagement club that works with Families Forward to support low-income families. Elizabeth is also head of The Polygraph, Polytechnic School's literary magazine, an opinion writer for The Paw Print and a member of Moot Court and the Student Ambassador Council. She is a member of her school's Black Student Union and a Girl Scout who has earned the Silver Award and is pursuing the Gold Award. Elizabeth is also a multi-sport athlete who competes in cross country and flag football and will serve as captain of the track and field team this spring. She enjoys creative writing, journalism, visual art, upcycling, language learning, baking and cooking and plans to run her first marathon following graduation. Elizabeth hopes to attend Barnard College, UC Berkeley or UC Santa Barbara and plans to study political science and journalism before eventually pursuing law school. Elizabeth is the daughter of Julie Byrne and Michael Rweyemamu and has a brother, Alexander.

Lucy Joyce Wendling is a senior at San Marino High School whose passion for horses has shaped both her athletic pursuits and commitment to service. She is a nationally ranked competitive equestrian who has spent 12 years riding and competing, and she founded Open Heart Equine Services. This organization creates equine-assisted opportunities for individuals with special needs. Lucy is also a Link Crew leader and youth small-group leader at Mariners Church and volunteers with Pasadena Humane Society, San Marino National Little League and Union Station Family Services. She competes in varsity soccer, golf and equestrian, and previously participated in track and field and volleyball. Lucy enjoys horseback riding, music, traveling, spending time outdoors, and being with her family, friends and animals. She sings and plays piano and guitar and has participated in choir, voiceover work and acting. Lucy hopes to pursue a career combining public policy, business and leadership and plans to continue her education through graduate school. She is considering the University of Notre Dame, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, University of Wisconsin-Madison and Auburn University, with an interest in studying philosophy, politics and economics, public policy and business. Lucy is the daughter of Marcianne and Timothy Wendling and has three siblings: Jackson, Harrison and Aubrey.