

Jennifer S. Is a 17 year-old Clearwater resident who lives in the Lake Belleview community with her dad and four siblings. Jennifer is a Junior at The Center for Medical Wellness Professions at Palm Harbor University High School.

What is your favorite class in school? Chemistry; I'd like to study neuroscience in college.

Aside from being a full-time high schooler, do you have a job? I work about 10 hours a week during the school year as a bagger at Publix.

Do you participate in any extra-curricular activities? I'm in a number of clubs, including Global Issues Club; Art Club; Multicultural Club; and Health Education Club.

Any awards or recognitions? Dr. Mac J Williams Academic Excellence Award; Honor Roll

What's on your mind right now? Right now I care a lot about our Governor signing the "Don't Say Gay" bill. While many say that this legislation will only affect children in K-3rd grade, the vagueness of the law allows for it to apply to any student in Florida. I am concerned for the well being and safety of queer and trans children who may not get proper education or a safe space at home. Education saves lives, and by discriminating against such an important and relevant topic, this could directly contribute to an increase in child suicides, hate-crimes, abuse, and bullying.

What do you like most about Clearwater? I love how beautiful our city is, especially our beautiful Lake Belleview. I participate in clean-ups there. I also love how diverse Clearwater is.

What do you think Clearwater could improve on? I'd like to see more awareness and education on the history of Indigenous people native to the now Clearwater region.

Who do you admire? Malcolm X, Kwame Nkrumah, Angela Davis

Quote(s) you like to live by? "No pride for some of us until liberation for all of us" Marsha P Johnson

Most important lesson(s) you've learned? That rest is protest, rest is liberation. Take care of yourself and your mind, especially if you're someone who is an advocate, activist, or someone who faces constant discrimination.