



RAIDERETTE OF THE GAME

Clarice ROOKIE

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Rookie Raiderette Clarice grew up in the East Bay watching Raider games and dancing competitively. Her joint love of football and dance led her to participate in the Junior Raiderette program when she was 11 years old. "To this day, I still remember parts of the routine," Clarice said.

Since hitting the field as a child, Clarice has always dreamt of returning to the Coliseum as a professional cheerleader. While she most looks forward to the excitement and energy that the home opener will bring, Clarice can't wait for the Junior Raiderette performance and the opportunity to interact with all the participants of this season's program. "We are role models and I pride myself on being a part of this wonderful organization that allows me to lead by example," Clarice said.

Outside of dance, Clarice works as an Associate Web Producer at a computer and video game development company. The job allows her to expand her skills and explore the digital creative field as she hopes to one day work for a major production company like Disney, Lucasfilm, Pixar or Dolby. Clarice graduated from University of Oregon with two degrees—one in Public Relations and one in Broadcast Journalism. In addition to her day job and her role as a Raiderette, Clarice teaches Hot Pilates on the weekends. Holding down three jobs, maintaining a social life and a normal sleeping schedule may sound overwhelming, but Clarice makes a point to surround herself with like-minded, motivated individuals who set goals and exceed expectations. "There are so many powerful women in this world who strive to do it all—and then do just that!" Clarice said. She sees no reason why she can't be one of those women.

One idea that keeps her driven to continue setting, chasing and achieving new standards for herself is the fact that many people believe cheerleaders have to be just one thing. "We're so much more than [just cheerleaders]. Our team has thirty-two amazing women who come from different walks of life, different backgrounds, and different upbringings," Clarice said. "I have teammates who are mothers, teachers, and students. We're just like you, but we happen to have a part-time job that allows us to do what we love most—dance!"

Everyone has their own journey to share about why they decided to audition for Football's Fabulous Females. Clarice's journey started over a decade ago when she performed at a Raiders home game. Watch the Junior Raiderettes hit the field today; watch another little girl's journey begin.

