

# RAIDERETTE OF THE GAME

# Vicky

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On every team, there is a member whose effervescent personality shines and lights up a room. Spending just a few moments with rookie Raiderette Vicky will make anyone smile. Her vivacious energy encourages each person she meets to reach for a pair of poms and join her in cheering for the Raiders.

A Las Vegas native, Vicky began dancing when she was five-years old after getting started with gymnastics. Throughout high school she continued to explore her love of dance and received a scholarship to attend the University of Memphis. While in college, Vicky was a member of the dance team all four years and led the team as a captain.

“Growing up as a dancer, dancing professionally has been a huge dream of mine, I always wished Las Vegas had an NFL team,” said Vicky. Her experience dancing in front of roaring collegiate crowds further ignited her dream of dancing professionally beyond graduation. “My dreams came true when I heard the Raiders would be moving to Las Vegas. The chance to dance in my hometown for an iconic organization came to fruition and I had to seize the opportunity!”

While Vicky’s hard work, dedication and talent have landed her a coveted spot on this year’s inaugural team, she attributes her success to being inspired by her role model. “My dad is my role model. He raised four daughters which I know was not easy,” said Vicky. “He has always set a huge example for my family of why having goals and being persistent at them pays off. Seeing how successful he is makes me strive and work harder at everything I do in my life.”

When Vicky is not working out or having fun with her Raiderette sisters, you can find her sewing or hanging out with her pet parrot. Sewing is one of Vicky’s not-so-secret hidden talents that has proven to be quite useful on numerous occasions. Her grandma taught her the craft at a young age, and it is something that has stuck with her. Whether she needs to alter a piece of clothing or wants to rework a piece she thrifted, she has the creative skills to do so!

In just a few short months as one of Football’s Fabulous Females, Vicky has made memories to last a lifetime. Each time she puts on the iconic Raiderette uniform, she is reminded of how spectacular it is to represent the city she has always called home. “My most treasured moments are the ones I used to spend with my whole family out on the strip in Las Vegas. I used to walk through the casinos in awe of how amazing and special it felt to live in such a famous city. Fast forward a few years to my swimsuit photoshoot... it is hard to believe I would ever be in this position today.”

Getting to be a representative for the city she has always called home has been unlike any other experience. “It is so important to enjoy every moment and make as many memories as possible because time is so fleeting, we need to cherish each special moment we have now.” One thing is for sure, she is soaking up and cherishing every experience she has as a Raiderette.

