



RAIDERETTE OF THE GAME

Anabelle

3rd SEASON

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It's Anabelle's third season with the Raiderettes and her first as a captain. "Being announced as a captain this year was definitely the most surprising and rewarding things to happen to me since making the team," Anabelle said. Although most of her family resides in Chicago, Anabelle has been a Raiders season ticket holder her whole life. She claims that watching the Raiderettes on the sidelines is what motivated her to start dancing when she was 12 years old and that hearing her name called at final auditions in 2016 was a dream come true.

In addition to dance and the Raiders, Anabelle loves animals and travel. When she has more time in her schedule she hopes to plan a trip to South Africa to volunteer on a safari with a program that rescues and nurtures endangered species. Her obsession with animals, especially dogs, is well known amongst her family and friends. Anabelle has volunteered for the Humane Society, has been successful in raising funds for East Bay SPCA, and would love to own and operate her own animal rescue foundation in the future.

The rescue foundation wouldn't be Anabelle's first crack at owning and operating her own business. She started a home staging company in January 2017 providing interior design services to clients trying to sell homes. "I am a licensed real estate agent and I love interior design and being artistic, so I was inspired to expand my creativity and start Divine Home Staging Company," she said.

While Anabelle builds her personal business network, she works full-time as an executive assistant at a financial technology company, where she also serves as a co-chair of the company's women's organization. Encouraging and supporting women in all their endeavors is something that comes as second nature to Anabelle. She was raised by a strong female in her mother, who served four years in the Navy on the USS Samuel Gompers stationed in Alameda. "My mom is incredible; she is the woman who has shown me courage, independence, strength, laughter, endless support, and most importantly that women are strong and powerful forces," Anabelle said. "Thank you for your service to this country, to this day you are still my hero."

Anabelle has many interests and she is very driven, that much is clear. However, she teaches a valuable lesson when she brings the two together. Her ability to identify the things that bring her joy and then concentrate her ambition in that direction is where Anabelle is most inspiring. Anabelle has consistently pursued her interests as an active animal advocate, building her home staging business, and auditioning for the Raiderettes. She demonstrates to everyone – do something with the things you're passionate about, and you can never go wrong.

