

RAIDERETTE OF THE GAME

Bryana

3RD YEAR

By Bailey Black

“Growing up a huge Oakland Raiders fan, I always looked up to the Raiderettes,” said Bryana. “We had posters and cardboard cut outs of Raiderettes in our garage. When I began to dance, I knew one of my goals would be to audition for the team.” As Bryana begins her third season as a Raiderette, one thing is for sure, her posters have definitely made the walls of her family’s garage. What started as a dream has become a reality for Bryana. One that has taken her from Oakland, to London and now to Las Vegas to cheer on her beloved Raiders.

Being a Raiderette and balancing a full-time career can be quite challenging at times, but Bryana does so by relying on her family. Throughout her life they have inspired and encouraged her to stay driven whether that be in academics, dance or cheerleading. From the time she began dancing in high school, they encouraged her to put in the work to achieve her goals. And achieve them she has.

Aside from being a Raiderette, one of Bryana’s biggest accomplishments has been graduating from California State University, Sacramento. She is a first-generation college graduate and as the oldest sibling, hopes to inspire her younger family members to pursue their education. While in school she studied child development and now works as a Youth Development Specialist. Helping out our younger generations has long been one of Bryana’s passions and as a Raiderette, she has had the opportunity to do so within the community as well.

How would Bryana’s teammates describe her? Funny, caring and most importantly – spicy. Bryana is known for bringing bursts of energy and zest to all things. Whether it’s practice or the field, her vivacious personality shines through. When her teammates need a laugh, she is the first one ready to crack the jokes and she is sure to have everyone beaming with a smile. But as Bryana grows within her role as a Raiderette she has found that being a caring teammate is what creates the bond that is so special between her and her teammates.

As this inaugural Las Vegas Raiders season kicks off, Bryana anxiously awaits all of the new adventures she and her Raiderette sisters will experience. Though this season may look different she knows one thing, Raider Nation will always show up and show out for their team. “The dedication alone, no matter what state or city the Raiders are in separates Raider Nation from any other fan base in the NFL.” Bryana could not be more ready to experience this next chapter with the fans in fabulous Las Vegas as one of Football’s Fabulous Females.

