

RAIDERETTE OF THE GAME

Jekailah

2ND YEAR

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After an unforgettable rookie season as a Raiderette, Jekailah wasn't quite ready to hang up her poms and boots. She packed up her bags and moved to Las Vegas with the hopes of continuing to cheer on the sidelines as one of Football's Fabulous Females.

Becoming a Raiderette has been Jekailah's dream since high school. As she begins her second season, she often reflects on her experience and is reminded of the importance and impact that the Raiderettes have in the community. Several Raiderettes did an appearance at her school and she was beyond impressed. Each Raiderette was intelligent, kind and talented. After meeting them, she knew she wanted to be a part of the very special team one day and inspire other dancers to achieve their dreams.

Jekailah is no stranger to sisterhood as she has seven siblings. However, the Raiderette sisterhood has been her most cherished memory from her first season. Each teammate helped make her rookie season hard to beat and an experience like no other. When she and her Raiderette sisters meet fans, they are reminded that they represent the organization and do so in the best way possible. As the inaugural season begins in Las Vegas, Jekailah is looking forward to meeting all of Raider Nation, old and new!

Dancing has long been one of Jekailah's greatest passions. At age seven she began dancing and hasn't stopped since! She has danced professionally for six years, from the basketball court to the football field. Being on the sidelines and experiencing that electric gameday energy has been like no other. Though she loves all types of dancing, hip hop remains her favorite style. Some of her favorite childhood memories include attending Mary J. Blige concerts and dancing along to each and every one of her hip hop inspired hits.

One of the best parts about being a Raiderette has been getting to help out her community. Community Relations events and appearances have meant the most to Jekailah. Outside of dancing, she works as a mobile food bank manager delivering meals to senior housing. This line of work has taught her the importance of volunteering and assisting your community in any way needed.

When Jekailah is not practicing and performing with her teammates, you can find her cooking and exploring different types of food. Las Vegas offers some of the best cuisine in the world and she could not be more excited to try out all of the fabulous restaurants the city has to offer!

As Jekailah struts ahead into this new season and city, she is ready to do so alongside Raider Nation.

