

RAIDERETTE OF THE GAME

Monet

2ND YEAR

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Empowered women go above and beyond to empower other women. They recognize the beauty in supporting others and do so in such a delicate way that they oftentimes don't even realize the powerful impact they make on others. Raiderette Monet is an empowered woman who touches the lives of everyone she meets. Her power extends far beyond the dance floor and reaches new heights with each day.

No stranger to the world of cheer, growing up Monet could almost always be found shimmering a set of pom poms. Throughout middle and high school she spent the majority of her time on the sidelines and courtside. As a college student at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas – she was honored to be named a captain during the inaugural year of their Pom Squad.

These experiences helped shape Monet into the courageous woman and coach that she is today. In 2017, she became the Head Cheerleading Coach for Durango High School in Las Vegas. Throughout each school year she wholeheartedly dedicates herself to her team and leaves a lasting impression on each young person's life. As a former Durango Cheerleader herself, her memories underneath the Friday night lights instilled a dream within her to cheer professionally.

As a Las Vegas native, she feels lucky to call the Sports and Entertainment Capital of the World her home. Throughout her performance career she has been met with endless opportunities some only dream of having. When reflecting on her hometown she speaks highly of the people she has been fortunate enough to meet. "Vegas brings together so many people from so many different cultures and walks of life," said Monet. "It's fascinating how much you can learn about the world through the experiences of everyone you meet in Vegas."

She has experienced the city's growth first-hand, specifically with the addition of professional sports. Monet was a member of the NHL's Vegas Golden Knights Vivas dance team for two seasons. During her time sporting Gold and Black she found such excitement in supporting the home team. The energy from the fans was often palpable and created a buzzing atmosphere.

Upon hearing the news of the Las Vegas Raiders coming to town, she set her sights on cheering for this iconic franchise. As a lifelong fan she often looked up to Football's Fabulous Females. Not only was she captivated by their dancing abilities, but by the camaraderie of the team.

"The Raiderettes are such an inspiring group of women, and I could think of nothing more fulfilling than upholding the legacy," said Monet. "It truly is a sisterhood that pushes one another to challenge themselves. I've always wanted to be a small part in something that would bring so much joy to the Las Vegas community. It's so much bigger than just gameday."

When she is not performing in front of Raider Nation or supporting community causes, she can be found with a book in hand. Specifically, she enjoys venturing into the magical world of Harry Potter. Through the highest of highs and the lowest of lows, she finds comfort in reading and writing. In college she studied communications and journalism. She hopes to one day be a published author and is already working on her first novel that is sure to be a page turner.

During her two seasons as a Raiderette, Monet has left a lasting impression on everyone she meets. She exudes kindness, dedication, and a fierce love for the Silver & Black, living up to our organization's Commitment to Excellence. Never one to shy away from extra practice or new challenges, we're forever grateful for the impact she has made on our team. While she works constantly to cheer for others, we will always cheer for her.

