

RAIDERETTE OF THE GAME

Lisa

2ND YEAR

By Bailey Black

Even cheerleaders need cheerleaders. On our team, Raiderette Lisa is known for her effervescent personality and positive attitude. She exudes kindness and can make anyone smile, even on their toughest days. With, or without pom poms, Lisa brightens any room she is in and dedicates her entire self to cheering on everyone she meets.

Growing up, Lisa called Huntington Beach, California her home. It was there that she developed her love of dance with a focus on hip hop, contemporary and jazz. Throughout her dancing career she has made some incredible memories and experienced once in a lifetime moments. From performing in music videos, to dancing backup for Lil Jon, to taking the court at halftime for the WNBA Aces, she has lived out some of her wildest dreams.

In 2015 she decided to move to Nevada. "My favorite thing about Las Vegas is that it is the land of opportunities," said Lisa. "All of my dreams would all still be dreams if I had not moved here." Shortly after moving to the Entertainment Capital of the World, she became an inaugural member of the NHL's Vegas Golden Knights Vivas dance team. The energy she felt within the arena and meeting Vegas locals eager to support the home hockey team, made the city feel like home. With the announcement of the Raiders' relocation to Las Vegas, she set her sights on trading in her Gold and Black for the Silver & Black.

As she struts her way through season two as a Raiderette, she does so proudly shimmering her poms and showcasing her sparkling team Medallion. The iconic uniform of Football's Fabulous Females acts as a constant reminder of how special this sisterhood is. Meeting Raiderettes from years past has encouraged Lisa to cultivate relationships within our current team and she does so by embracing everyone as family. Every game she beams with pride as she gives her all on the sideline. To see where Lisa began, to where she is now, showcases a transformation of confidence. Her infectious energy and performance abilities captivate those who are lucky enough to watch her dance.

When she is not at The Studio, she can be found making people look and feel their best as a hair stylist. Lisa graduated from Cal State Fullerton, and recently completed her cosmetologist studies at Paul Mitchell. What she loves most about her job is meeting new people and creating remarkable looks for each client. She is a creator at heart and explores her talents through crafting as well. Not only is she skilled in wood working, but she designs the cutest accessories and of course, adds bling to everything Raiders related.

Every day she strives to uplift those around her, whether it be at work or through her charity, Blankets of Love. For the past four years, Lisa has organized Thanksgiving meals to feed the homeless. For months leading up to November, she takes donations to hand out with every meal. She recognizes the need for community and collects everything from blankets to toiletries, to clothes. This operation requires a lot of time, heart, and effort. Not only is Las Vegas lucky to have Lisa, but the Raiders organization is blessed to have someone so committed to making our new city a brighter place.

