

# RAIDERETTE OF THE GAME

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## Makenna Z.



Every team seems to have the one member whose personality lights up a room. For the Raiderettes, Makenna Z. is that contributor. Her humor, charisma and talent are just a few of the many characteristics that make her fabulous in life, and on the team.

Growing up in the Bay Area, Makenna started dancing at 18 months old, following in her mother's footsteps. After getting started with dance, Makenna became the youngest Junior Raiderette to ever take the field while taking part in the program which allows those participating on that program to perform alongside the Raiderettes during a game. "To say I had a pretty awesome childhood," Makenna said, "would be an understatement!"

Throughout high school, she continued to explore her love of dance, and competed at the collegiate level. "As audition information started to get pushed out for this season, something inside of me knew that it was time for me to put myself out there and create my own story with the Raiders," she said.

"Auditioning was a huge win, and making the team was truly a dream come true. I already love this team with my whole heart and have a deep appreciation for the women that came before us and the legacy that we will leave."

Makenna was inspired to audition for this year's edition of the Raiderettes because of her mother, Shawna, who was a member of the squad from 1996 to 1998. She spent an additional 18 years choreographing and coaching the Raiderettes. Makenna grew up participating in the Junior Raiderettes program, attended every home game, modeled for Raider Image and was surrounded by the fabulous females that make up the iconic Raiderettes.

"To my mom, the one and only Mama Shawna, thank you for being an extraordinary example to not only myself but every Raiderette you've worked with," said Makenna. "You exemplify everything that this team believes in – hard work, dedication, and sisterhood. I'm continually in awe of your amazing accomplishments and hope to become half the woman that you are today. I know I have some big white boots to fill, but I'm up for the challenge and ready to do it with silver poms in hand."

We are so proud of you Makenna, and grateful for you and your mom's Commitment to Excellence.