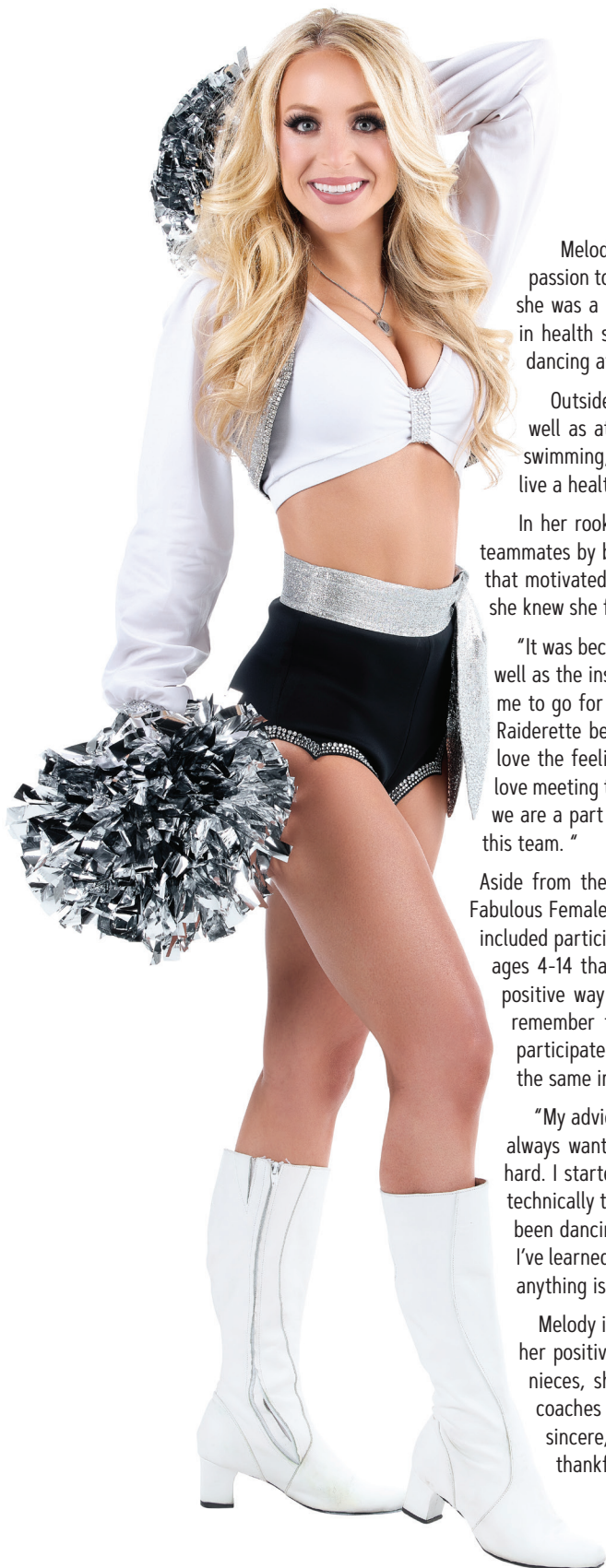


RAIDERETTE OF THE GAME

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Melody



Melody's passion for dance began in high school and continues to be her passion to this day. The St. Louis native attended the University of Missouri, where she was a member of the iconic MIZZOU Golden Girls. Melody earned her degree in health sciences and moved to Arizona after graduation where she continued dancing at the professional level.

Outside of dance, she teaches fitness classes at Raiderettes The Studio as well as at a local gym. She enjoys spending time outside hiking, rollerblading, swimming, and is a certified fitness instructor who enjoys encouraging others to live a healthy lifestyle.

In her rookie season as a Raiderette, Melody has already made her mark on her teammates by being dedicated, kind, and hardworking. It was her love for performing that motivated her to audition for the Raiderettes. After attending the prep classes, she knew she found her place with the Silver and Black.

"It was because of the leadership from the director and alumni of this program, as well as the inspirational girls I met during the prep classes that ultimately motivated me to go for it," Melody said. "It's very hard to choose my favorite part of being a Raiderette because there are so many amazing attributes that make up this role. I love the feeling of being on the field cheering for the best team in the NFL. I also love meeting the loyal fans that make up Raider Nation during community events that we are a part of. If I had to choose, my favorite part would be the sisterhood within this team."

Aside from the performance aspect that comes with being a member of Football's Fabulous Females, Melody also thrives in giving back to the Las Vegas community that included participating in Junior Cheerleading programs. "Being able to meet girls from ages 4-14 that share a love for dance and to have the chance to affect them in a positive way is something I will always hold near to my heart," she said. "I still remember the influence the cheerleaders in my community had on me when I participated in Junior Cheer programs when I was younger, and I hope to have had the same impact on those I have been able to lead.

"My advice to a young dancer would be that it's never too late to be what you've always wanted to be, and that hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard. I started dancing in high school and did not grow up in a dance studio as a technically trained dancer. Auditioning for dance teams with other dancers that had been dancing since they were little was, and is, very intimidating to me. However, I've learned that hard work pays off and when you push yourself for what you want, anything is possible."

Melody is a fantastic role model to many and inspires those around her through her positivity and compassion for others. She is a proud auntie to two beautiful nieces, she's a friend, a teammate, and is loved by both her teammates and coaches because of the kindness and light she brings to others. Melody is sincere, generous, and someone who everyone loves being around. We are so thankful to have her on our team.