

## Monica

Monica's journey to becoming a Raiderette started with her desire to be part of a community, something larger than herself. While struggling with confidence and insecurities, Monica believed that joining the Raiderettes would provide her with the support and inspiration she needed to overcome these battles - and she was right. Since then, she has been a valuable member of the Raiderettes for five years, bringing with her a diverse dance background of talent and experience in dance, including training in jazz, tap, hip hop, ballet, contemporary, pom, and Tahitian.

Monica's dedication to her craft is evident in her extensive dance background. With 15 years of competitive dancing under her belt, including participation in national UDA/UCA cheerleading competitions during high school, Monica's Commitment to Excellence shines through in every performance.

As a Raiderette, Monica not only showcases her incredible dance skills but also serves as a role model for others. One of her favorite aspects of the squad is the sense of unity and sisterhood it creates. As an ambassador for the organization, Monica takes pride in representing the organization's involvement in the community. Monica had the privilege of showcasing the Raiders in Mexico and leading a Junior Raiderettes clinic. "The

experience was a significant milestone in my life," she said. "It allowed me to empower girls, who like me come from humble beginnings."

Monica's journey as a Raiderette has not only allowed her to grow as a dancer but also as an individual. Through the support of her teammates and the Raiderettes organization, she has found the strength to overcome her personal struggles and embrace her true potential.

Monica's passion for dance, dedication to the team, and commitment to the community make her an incredible leader on our team. Her journey serves as an inspiration to others, and reminds us all that with determination and the support of a strong community, we can overcome any obstacle and achieve greatness. Thank you, Monica, for five incredible seasons.