

# ALL ABOUT ALLY

an overview on the life of junior Alexandra Ortiz

Born on October 26, 2002, at 35 weeks, Junior Alexandra "Ally" Ortiz was born with her eyes open to explore the world around her.

Since Ortiz was three years old, she has always been dancing and doing gymnastics at a competitive level. "I never thought of being in so many activities as stressful when I was young. I thought it was another fun game to do," said Ortiz.

When Ortiz was 7 years old, she participated in her first professional ballet production and then proceeded to join a youth dance company at age 11.

"At this point, I really thought that I was going to continue dancing for the rest of my school years," said Ortiz, "Little did I really know that I was going to change my mind and decide to try cheerleading."

Ortiz started to do competitive cheerleading three years ago, and was in a level two and level three and level four senior teams. Ortiz said, "I really do enjoy cheer. It kind of like a way I can de-stress and let go while doing exercising at the same time."

She says cheerleading is a very competitive sport, and that it takes alot more effort than people think. Ortiz also added that during practice time, she conditioned and ran alot to stay in shape.

"I really do enjoy cheerleading and I hope to continue to do it throught the years. It is

a really fun sport to do and I recomend it to anyone who has a lot of energy and free time," said Ortiz.

In her junior year, Ortiz decided to try out for Carmel High School's Cheer team, and made the Junior Varsity squad. "I didn't think I would be able to even make the program, so when I got the email that I had made try outs, I felt very excited and accomplished," said Ortiz.

During that season, Ortiz and her team won the Indiana Cheer State Champinship, and earned her very first State Ring and State Patch.

"The funnest thing about that day was not only that we had won state, but that that day was also my birthday!," said ortiz.

Not only was Ortiz a full time cheerleader, but she was also a CHS Pinnacle Yearbook reporter. She joined Yearbook Staff her junior year, and claimed to love it.

"Being in yearbook helps alot with time managment and to deelop real life skills. I also enjoy being in it because I love to design and publish stories for others to read," said Ortiz.

Ortiz planned on applying to be a Staff Editor her Senior Year, and hoped to one day double major in Digital Journalism and Communica-tions.

by Alexandra Ortiz



**1 YERDS** Smiling With joy, Ortiz is posing for a group picture with her fellow staffers. She had attended The Event, a yearly staff bonding activiy where she learned more about her fellow staffers. "This activity was so much fun. We ate tons of food and even got to make slime," Ortiz said. A. Ortiz photo

**2 HOCO** A present tense sentence that describes the action in the photo. A past tense sentence that gives the reader information that cannot be found in the photo. "A direct quote from a person in the photo revealing even more information about the activity in the photo," Last Name said. A. Ortiz photo

**3 PUMPKIN SMILES** Holding a small pumpkin, Ortiz smiles to the camara. She was Hanging out with junior Elyse Timpee in their local pumpkin patch. "I had never gone to a pumpkin patch before, and I had thought going with some friends would be fun," Ortiz said. A. Ortiz photo

**4 D.C. FUN** Posing infront of the Washington Memorial building Ortiz is taking for a picture with her friends. She went to Washington D.C. due to a journalism convention she was attending. "This was honestly one of the funnest experiences of my life, and I never thought a school trip could be so fun," Ortiz said. A. Ortiz photo

**5 STATE HYPE** Having fun with her jv cheer team, Ortiz laughs with her fellow teammates. She was with her team and had celebrated their upcoming state competition. "I loved hanging out with them and bonding with them before we took the mat the upcoming saturday," Ortiz said. A. Ortiz photo

**6 SWEET VICTORY** Kissing her newly won trophy, Ortiz and her teammate were extatic wit their win. She had practiced for the past months for that competition for a hopeful win. "I was not sure we would win, so when the announcer called our name for first place I was so happy," Ortiz said. A. Ortiz photo

## FAST FACTS

quick and easy facts on Ortiz's life

1. left handed
2. is bilingual
3. has traveled all through Europe
4. has gone to the Summit National Championships
5. loves to read and draw
6. owns about 46 pairs of shoes
7. favorite singer is Bad Bunny
8. loves to follow current fashion and makeup trends
9. favorite color is yellow and baby pink
10. is a crazy dog person

## BY THE NUMBERS

a numerical overview of Ortiz's life as of November 27, 2019

11 years dancing  
17 years of cheer  
1,915 miles from Indiana to PR  
1st year in staff  
924 Instagram Followers  
2 years in Carmel  
4 years in pointe shoes  
5 av. hrs of sleep  
10 years in gymnastics  
10/26 born on

## WHAT DO HER FRIENDS SAY?

Ortiz's friends comment on what is their honest opinion on her

Ally is an extremely fun person to be around. She brightens your day anytime you are around her and will always try and make you feel beter no matter what. She can sometimes be slightly annoying sometimes, but honestly, who isn't?

-ESTEFANIA FRANCO PEREZ, 11

Ally is a person who will surprise you everyday no matter what. She brings excitement into my life and I honestly do not know what I would do without her. She has helped me through the good and the bad and has always been with me when I need her the most.

-LYRIC WISDOM, 11

She is an interesting person to say the least. She is mostly a very nice person and has helped me alot since I moved schoos to Carmel. She helped me meet new people and taught me how to cope with had and demanding schedules. She is just a very fun and dorky person.

-ELAN VARHAN, 11

I don't hang out with Ally alot, but when I do its Interesting to say the least. I love her energetic and positive energy and it always brightens my day. She's basically like a ray of sunshine. Her jokes are always funny and I lover her humor the most.

-SAMANTHA MYERS, 11

I tend to help Ally alot on her homework since we take similar classes. She is such a great friend to have and makes class less boring. We help eachother alot with our studies and do a lot of study sessions before tests. It's nice to hang out with her no matter what.

-ASHLYN BOUDIER, 11

Ally is one of the loudest most annoying people I know. However, I rely do love her even though I bug her most of the time. We cheer together so it's kind of innecitable to not interact to eachother. But all jokes aside I really do love her the most.

-ELYSE TIMPEE, 11