

# 220 People

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Chad Johnson  
Elena Johnson  
Samuel Johnson  
Bria Jones  
Leah Joselson



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Cherie Kado  
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Khushi Kapoor  
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Liam Kieffer  
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Cade Koch  
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Most people don't remember much about being 3 except for vague memories of naps and blankies. But Elle Bode recalls how she started dancing at 3.

"My sister was a dancer, so I looked up to her and wanted to do it. Then I discovered I really liked it," she said.

Bode, who began competing in dance in second grade, said those years of experience gave her the confidence to tryout for varsity poms.

"[I was] nervous, but I've been dancing for a long time," she said.

Bode made varsity, one of four freshmen who did. Their practices started before the school year began, which made her first days at West much less "scary" than she thought.

"I knew a lot of people [from poms] and had a lot of friends,"

she said. "So it was really nice to actually go to school with everybody."

Poms takes up a lot of time, though, preventing her from joining other clubs and activities. She doesn't mind, though.

"It's definitely worth it," she said. "We got first place at our last competition ... the hard work really does pay off."

According to Bode, the team's goal is to win at State and to place in the top five at nationals.

"I'm sure if we keep up the practice and hard work we can get it," she said with confidence.

Poms has led Bode to new friendships and a close-knit team.

"My team is amazing," she said. "We are so close, and I love everyone ... Together we have a great team dynamic that I think can take us very far."

—By Alexa Oleson

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JANE RATLIFF  
SOCCER PLAYER  
DANCER

Watching her older brothers play sports and playing with them at home for as long as she can remember inspired Jane Ratliff to follow in their footsteps. **How so?** I went to my brother's soccer games and he got so pumped over the little things. Even if he didn't score, he was still happy. I wanted to feel the same thing. **What do you love about sports and urban dance?** The adrenaline rush you get when you score. **You said a typical day includes school, dance, a late dinner, playing with your cousins, and homework. Does practice ever get in the way and become a burden?** Practice is another way to get better at the sport. Being out on the field and scoring makes me feel so proud of myself. **Do you have any pre-game routine with music?** I get pumped and I get into my game zone.

—By Addison VanDePol



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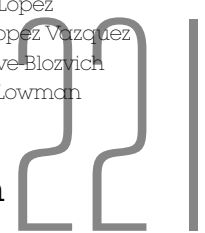
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