

Raine Caldwell

In the beginning

When I tell people that my name is Raine, they always ask me, why did your mom name you that. I always say it is because my mom's name is Norain, so it is only fitting that my future children would have names that match the weather. As a 22-year-old Junior in college, I still have time to think about the future and looking back I have so much to share.

It all started when I was born in Littlerock, Arkansas. I did not stay there long because my mother thought the education system there was something that she did not want her children to be in. My elementary school thought I should skip a few grades, but it did not last long. I was a stubborn little 7-year-old being bullied in a 5th grade class for being the smallest one. I could not take any more ridicule, so my mom packed our bags to Dallas.



Selfie during Practice of my Cello



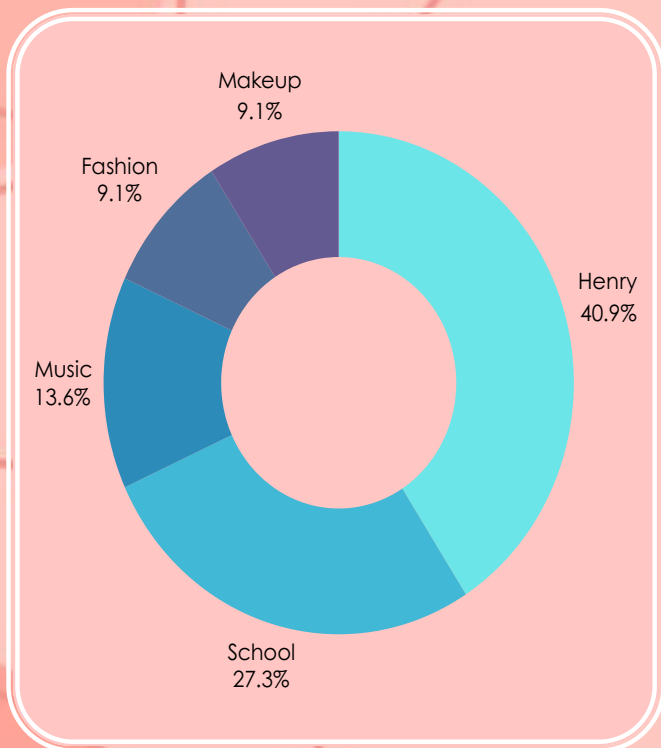
Soaking up the sun

My Academic Journey

I spent my grade school years in various academy's and performing arts schools playing the cello. I have my list of highlights, getting to win first place at a middle school Disney world music competition, getting to meet the famous cellist Yo-yo Ma, performing opening at the Dallas symphony 2018 Gala, and to top it all off the performance of a lifetime at Carnegie Hall in New York City. These were the years where I pored my heart into being a classically trained cellist, but journalism was always in the back in my mind.

My life changed when my mother passed away in 2021. She battled with lung cancer for 10 years before she finally got to rest. I decided to pursue journalism and started at Dallas College at Richardson. I then went ahead and got involved with student media and that is when I knew I found my calling. I met many different kinds of people and went to many different places. The highlight of my associate's degree was when I got the interview Texas state representatives at the capital in Austin. I know then that I wanted to continue on to my Bachelor of Arts here at the University of North Texas.

What does Raine care about?



Seeing hopes and dreams

In the mixed of my journey of self-discovery, I met the person I want to spend the rest of my life with, Henry. You see when I was a child, my favorite movie was Ever After. It is a Cinderella tale in which the prince was named Henry. I imagined myself with my knight and shining armor and I got it. Henry is a curly haired goofball who loves history and learning about it. He wants to be a history teacher and is a dreamer that has many bright ideas for life. I am so lucky to be with such a caring, thoughtful person and cannot wait for our wedding.

I also have dreams for myself and hope to see them in fruition. UNT has brought me onto many different kinds of opportunities, and I will continue to explore what more I can see.



Thanksgiving smiles with Henry

Quiz Time

What instrument does Raine play?

A Bassoon

C Timpani

B Cello

D French Horn