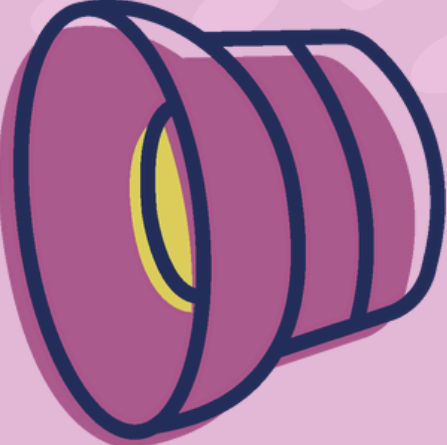




# THE LEADERS SPOTLIGHT



Let's Get To Know Me →

○ Isabella Ovalle ○

## **TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF**

I'm Isabella Ovalle, I'm 17 years old, I am a passionate soccer player and the captain of my high school team. Alongside soccer, I love dancing and have had the honor of being the captain of The Country Club's show twice. I'm also deeply involved in the arts, having co-founded Fundación TAMBAILE, a nonprofit focused on providing young girls access to dance and artistic education. Recently, I also joined La Banda de Baranoa as one of the main dancers.



# **TELL US ABOUT THE LEADERSHIP ROLE YOU HOLD, A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE.**

As a co-founder of Fundación TAMBAILE, I've taken on a leadership role in guiding our team to empower young girls through artistic education, especially in the execution of events and logistical organization. Through this foundation, I aim to give back to my community by providing access to creative outlets and opportunities that can transform lives.



# WHAT IS YOUR RECENT ACHIEVEMENT THAT MAKES YOU PROUD OF YOURSELF?

A recent achievement I'm proud of is my participation in UCLA's three-week summer intensive musical theater summer program, where I was elected as one of the principal dancers in the musical.



# HOW HAS MARYMOUNT INFLUENCED YOUR PERSONAL AND/OR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

Marymount has had a profound impact on my personal growth by fostering my leadership skills and helping me balance my passion for both athletics and the arts. It has also influenced my interest to contribute to my community through Fundación TAMBAILE.



# **DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?**

I'm always looking for ways to blend my love for the arts and sports, as they both teach discipline, creativity, and perseverance. These qualities shape who I am as both a leader and an artist.



# WHAT DOES YOUR BUSINESS DO?

Fundación TAMBAILE provides young girls with access to dance and artistic education, empowering them through creative expression and helping them build confidence and a sense of community.

# WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO START THIS VENTURE?

I was inspired to start TAMBAILE because of my personal journey with the arts. Dance has always been a powerful form of expression for me, and I wanted to provide the same opportunities to young girls who might not have access to artistic education due to financial or social barriers.

# HOW HAS THE SCHOOL SUPPORTED OR INFLUENCED YOUR ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNEY?

Marymount has supported my journey by instilling leadership values and fostering a culture of service and community involvement. The emphasis on both academic and extracurricular pursuits has allowed me to balance my business responsibilities with my passion for the arts.

# HOW HAS YOUR BUSINESS IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

Running TAMBAILE has been incredibly rewarding, as it allows me to merge my love for dance with my desire to give back to the community. It's taught me invaluable lessons about leadership, empathy, and perseverance, all of which have shaped me as both a person and a leader.



# **WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE AND YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT SO FAR?**

The biggest challenge has been securing consistent funding and resources to sustain and expand our programs. My greatest achievement has been seeing the impact on the lives of the girls we serve, watching them grow in confidence and skill through dance.



# WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS FOR YOUR BUSINESS?

I plan to expand TAMBAILE's reach to more communities, offering more diverse art forms beyond dance and securing partnerships with larger organizations to increase resources and opportunities

# **WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO OTHERS AT MARYMOUNT WHO MIGHT WANT TO START THEIR OWN BUSINESS?**

**Don't be afraid to take the first step, even if the journey seems overwhelming. Stay passionate about your mission, and build a strong support network. Most importantly, be patient with yourself because growth takes time.**



# **WHAT SKILLS OR VALUES FROM MARYMOUNT HAVE BEEN MOST USEFUL IN RUNNING YOUR BUSINESS?**

Leadership, perseverance, and a strong sense of community have been essential. Marymount's focus on teamwork and service has helped me overcome the challenges of running a nonprofit and motivated me to keep pushing forward.

