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**Bankz
Flecknoe Cocks**

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My name is Asher from Australia.

I am: 9 years old, I love singing, dancing, keeping active and of course Skateboarding.

I started skating in February 2021, and started with just a little kids cruiser. I soon received my first proper setup from my Pop.

Every free moment we got, I'd ask mum to take my sister and i to the skatepark. We would spend hours there, practicing, and having fun learning new tricks.

I have loved every moment of skateboarding so far learning new tricks and skills, meeting some amazing people and even creating a little family from our local skate park.

My dreams and goals are to become more confident to do the bigger and harder things like going into the competition size bowls, down big ramps, one day hopefully travel to all different skateparks around the world.

I am still learning to successfully do an Ollie and go down the "snakehead" at our local park, as well

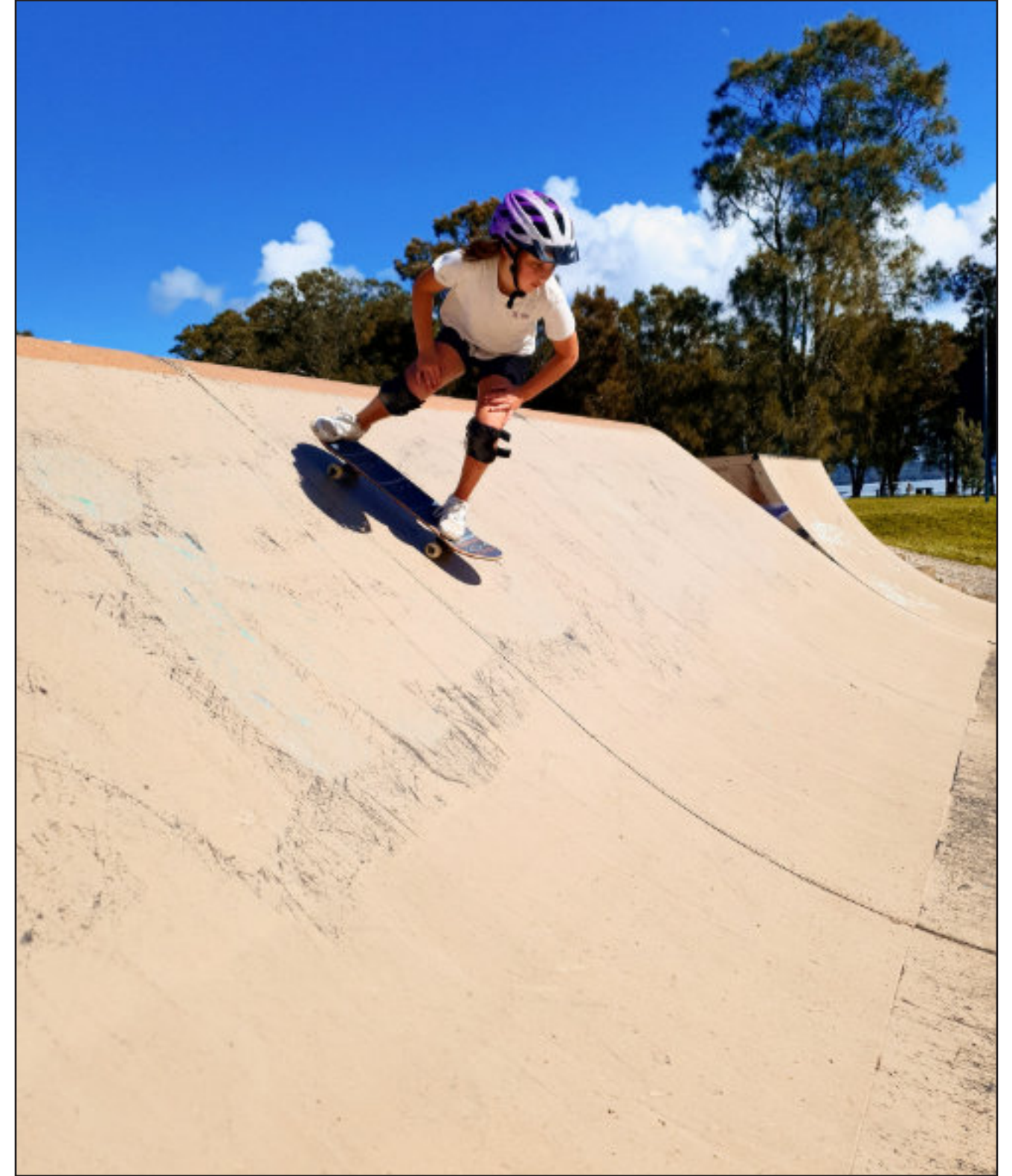
as not over thinking my next move before I make it.

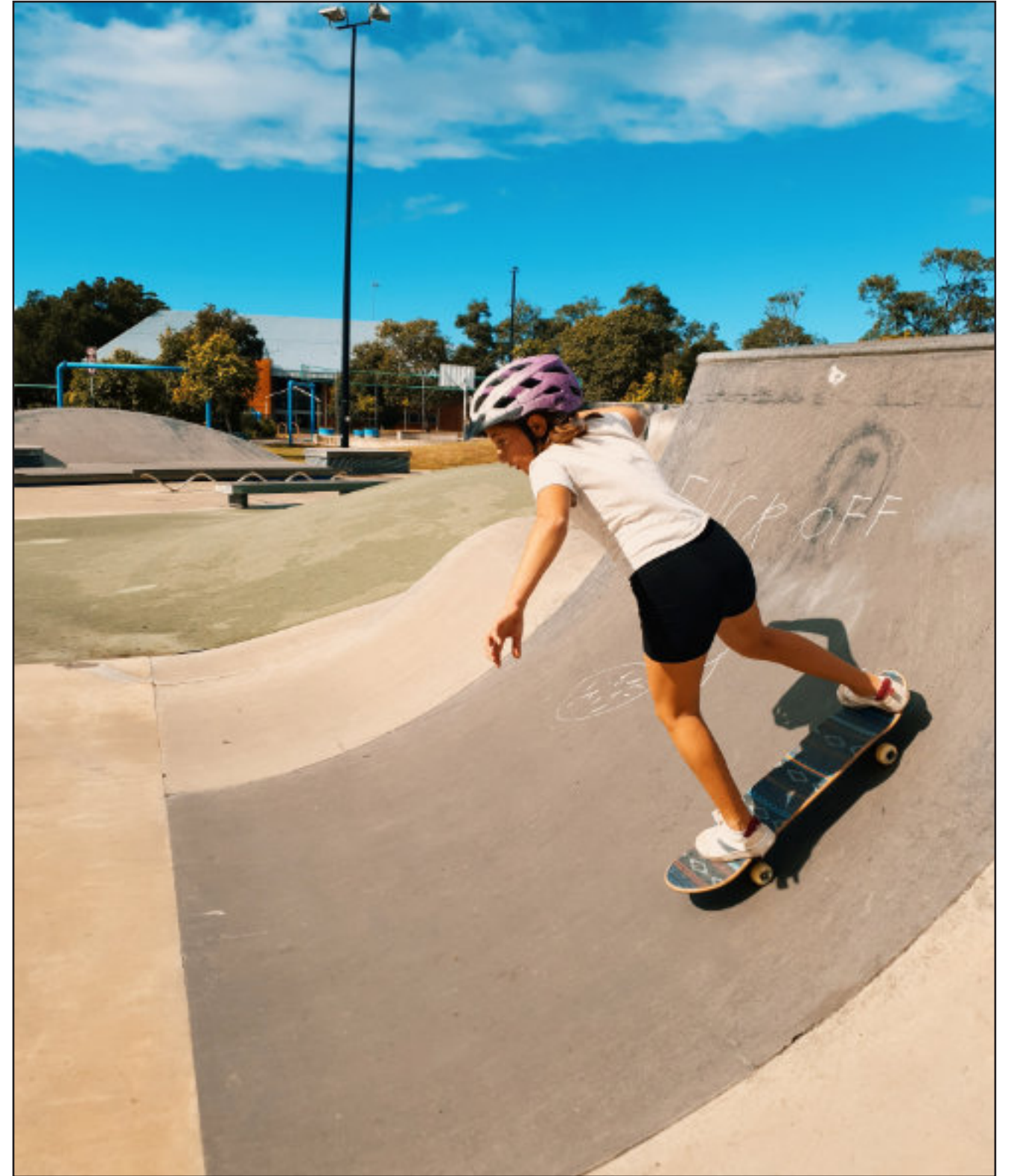
I generally am able to achieve my goals with lots of practice, effort and encouragement from friends and family.

Photographers Credits: Danielle (Mum)













Axel was 2 years old when we first took him to skateboarding sessions with his coach. We originally got Axel into skateboarding just for a fun outdoor activity then we discovered how much he actually loves it, he has a fantastic relationship with his coach Mitch who brings out the fun. We would love for Axel to continue skateboarding only if he wants to, Axels got Autism and Adhd so we think as long as he is happy where he is at that's and he is safe then that is all that matters.

Axel dropped in solo at the age of 4 at the start of 2021 but then we got thrown back into lockdown so we're really back to working on that again and hopefully this year will be the year he really gains confidence in himself and we will see where his skateboarding takes him. Axel is a really big outdoors kid, loves skating and the beach and running around at the playground.

Photographers Credits: Katrina Macleod







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Bankz is two years old and has been skateboarding since he was eight months old. He skateboards almost everyday with his favourite trick being the rock to fakie. He's competed in one skateboarding competition coming in first in the under 6s, Bankz hopes to compete again soon.

We hope to find Bankz a skate coach soon and look forward to seeing where he goes in the sport.

Find Bankz on Instagram - [Bankz_Shredz](#)

Photographers Credits: Tori Stevenson, Sienna Coombes







Skateboarding is my outlet, there is no rules to the sport, and I just get to be me. I started skateboarding in May 2021, when I was 9, after a friend gave me a turn off her skateboard at my cousins party and I absolutely fell in love.

I find that skateboarding, helps me build confidence, become resilient, have patience and it lets me escape all the thoughts that are always dancing in my head. I just get to zone out.

Pulling off a difficult trick, that I have been working on for weeks or even months and over coming the barriers that are in my head is an amazing feeling. Every trick is an achievement, no matter how big or small that trick may be and even if you don't land it that day, you are one step closer, to landing it the next. When I struggle with a trick, I just want to push myself and try over and over till I can do it.

I have a chant that I say in my head sometimes to find my courage and over come the worry, I say,

"Tell the fear to disappear, tell the fear not to interfere"

I started skating 8 months ago, and have lessons through Pop Skate School with the owner Aidan and Brandon, their passion and commitment to teaching us is amazing and it has built my

confidence up. I have learnt a few tricks in the short time I have been doing it but I have so much more to learn.

I am committed to my skate boarding and its more than just a hobby. The skate community is amazing and supportive and I have made so many wonderful friends along the way. I love looking through my Instagram posts and supporting others that are learning and growing just like me. Even though I have not met many of them, we are all kind and encouraging of each other.

Just this week I become the brand Ambassador for Hominoid skateboards an Australian owned company. I was so excited to become part of their team.

I just want to keep growing and enjoying skateboarding, my favourite trick at the moment is airing out and the slash grind. I get inspired by other skaters and love watching their tricks and hope that one day, I can achieve that also.

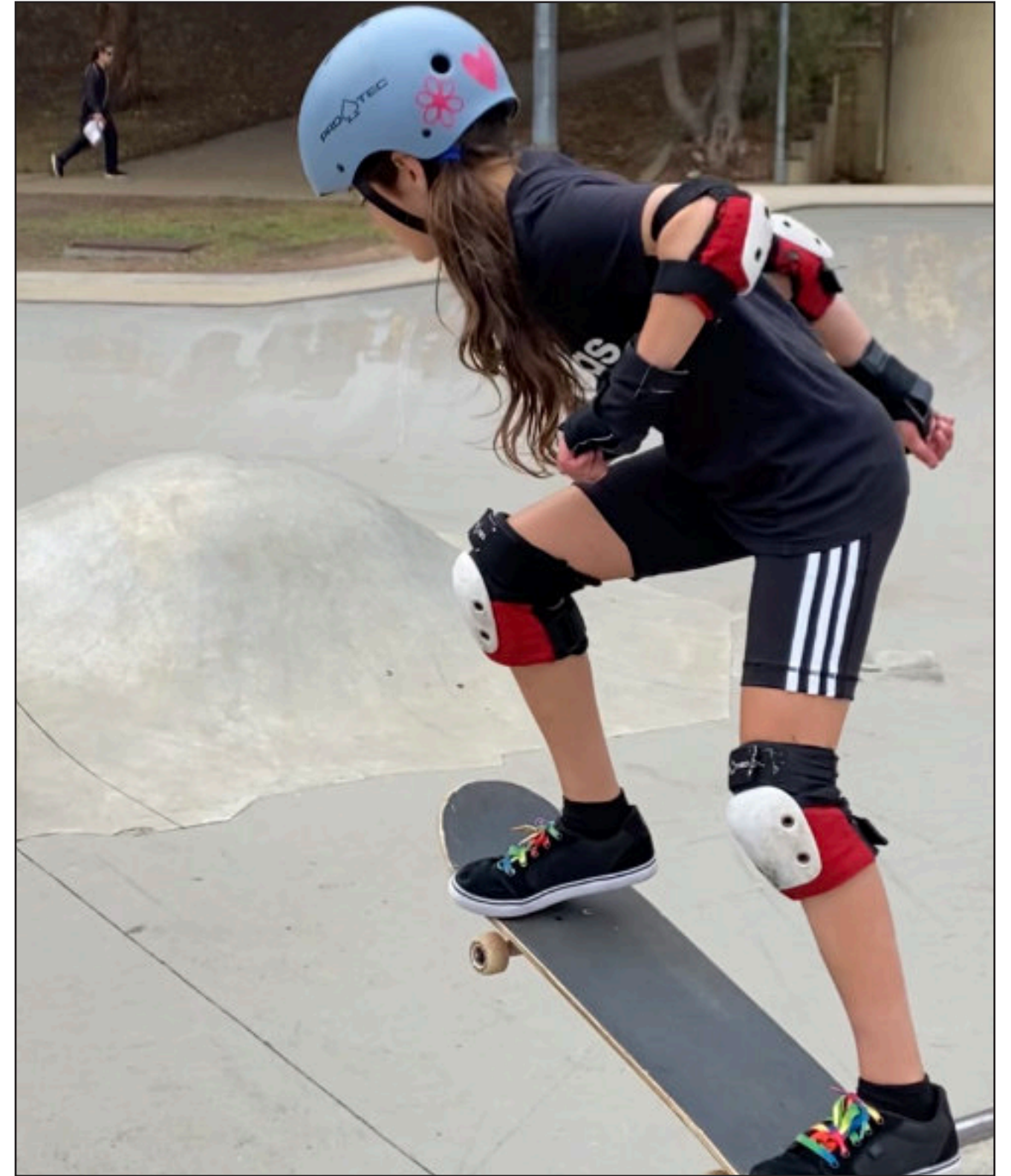
I can not even put it into words the feeling skating gives me, but my smile says it all.

Photographers Credits:
Susie - Mum









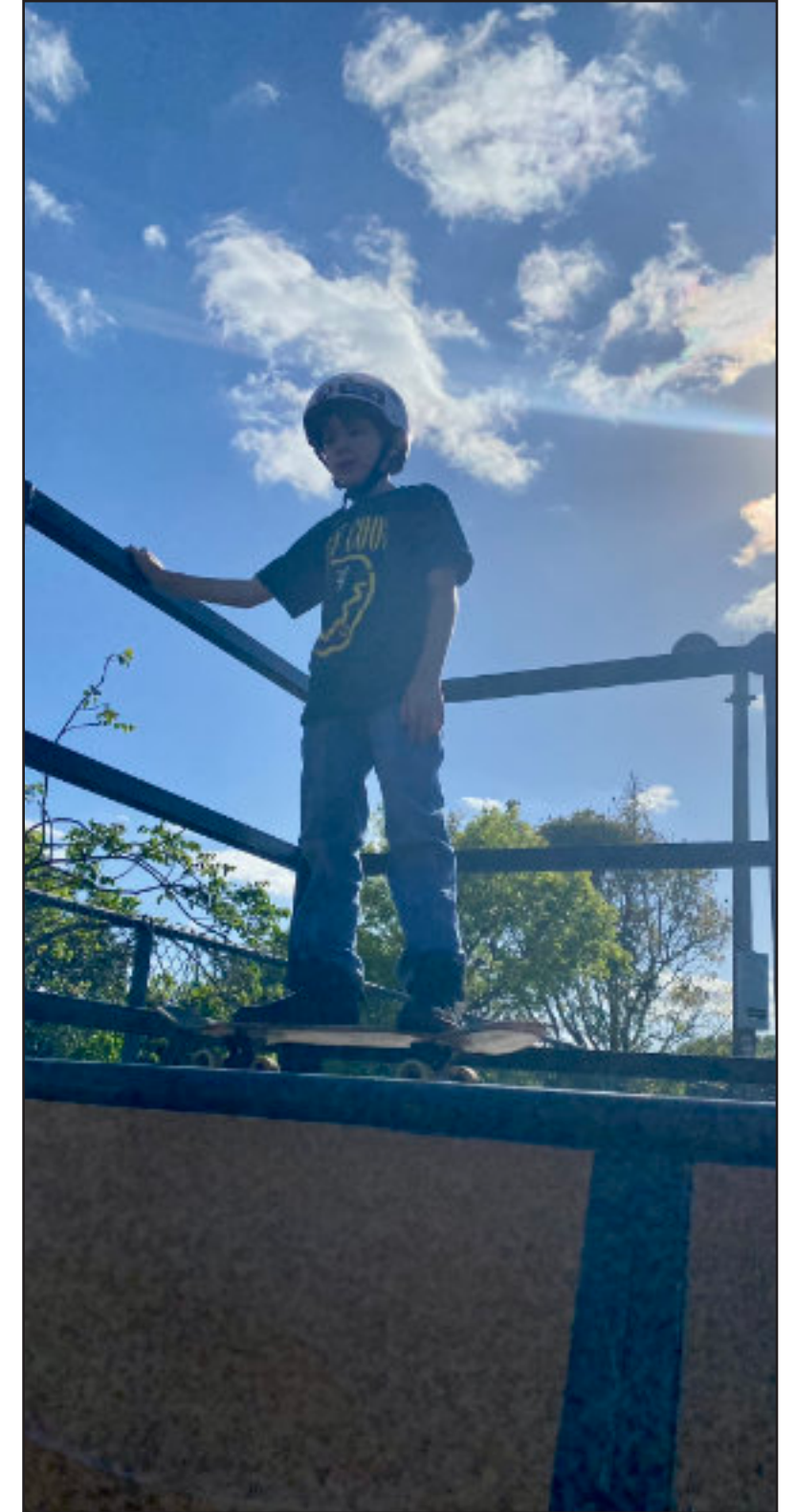


Liam has been Skateboarding for a couple of years now and he is because Ming more and more focus every time and it's working on new and harder

tricks. We've seen him skate hard and gaining strength and confidence, if you don't fail you are not trying hard enough!!!! Soon he will la d all tricks under

his hat without any problems. Photographers Credits: Willo segersbol







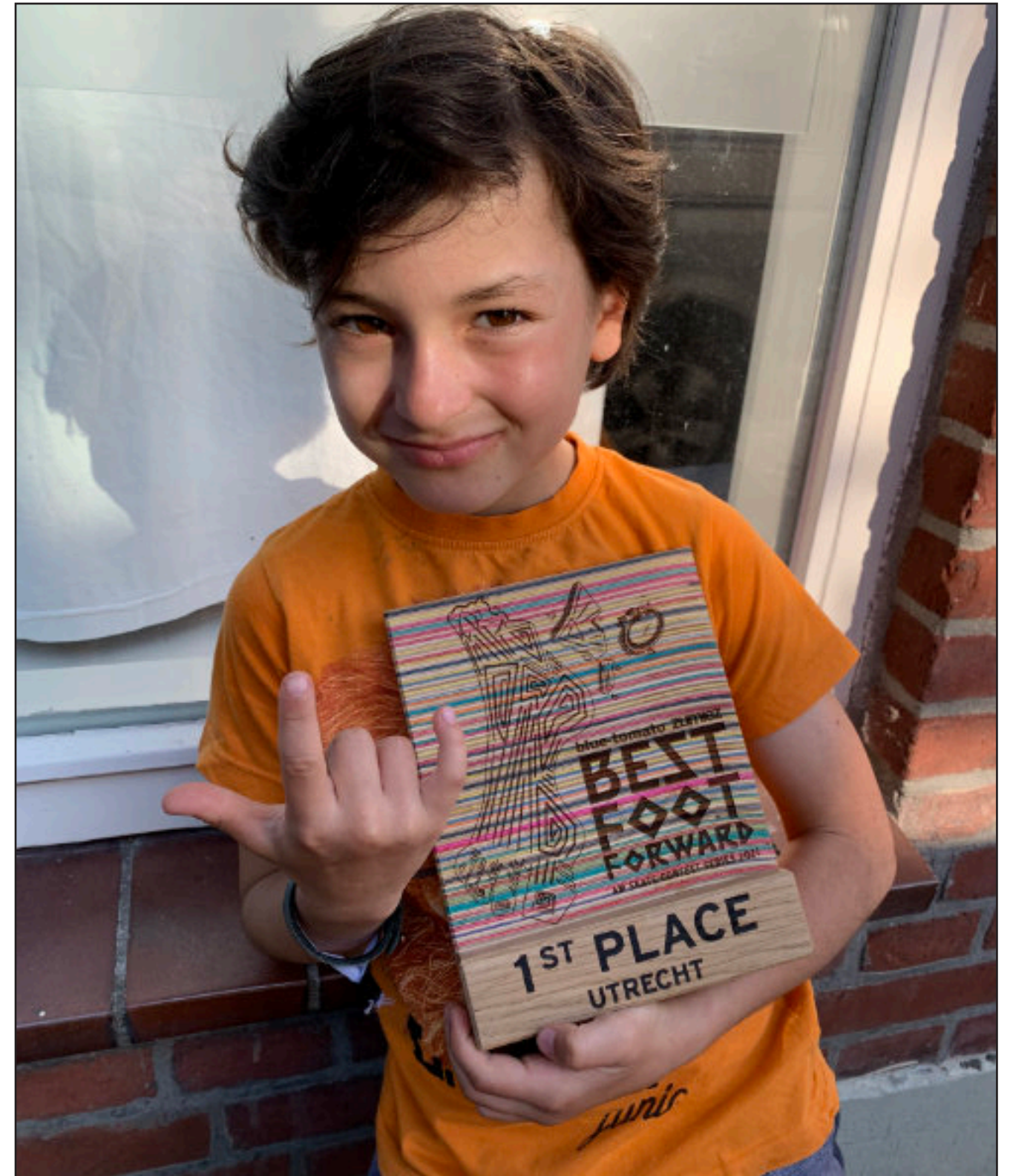
Noor Crevels

I am a 9 year old female skateboarder from the Netherlands currently living in Cuba. I started skateboarding with a week of classes in the holiday just before the pandemic. Living close to an outdoor skatepark made the lockdowns easy on me. I went every day after online home schooling. First a lot in the bowl, but later I also start loving the street parts of the Griffpark. I learned a lot from other skaters and see them doing tricks I can't do makes me eager to try. Also seeing other girls doing cool tricks all over the world in video's on Instagram are really inspiring and pushing me to go try new stuff. My challenges for this year are to get comfortable on the rails, but also to be creative in learning new flat tricks because there are no bowls or coping on the

island.

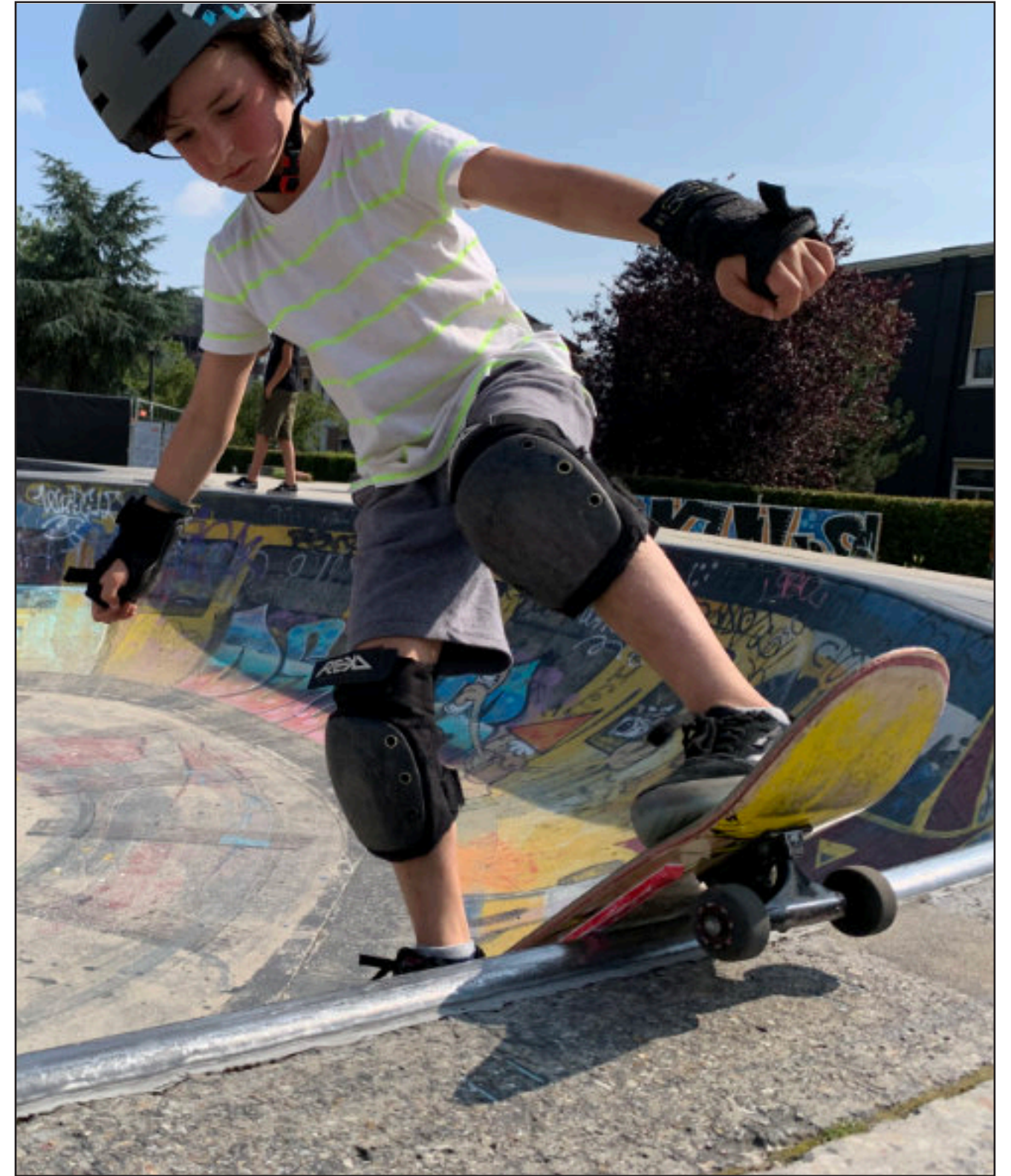
My heroes are the 3 Dutch Olympians; Candy, Roos and Keet but also girls like Rayssa and Sky. My biggest achievements were winning my first skateboard contest as an 8-year old in an open women age group, landing multiple kickflips and being a team rider for Skatepark Utrecht. Check my Instagram @sk8noor to see my favourite tricks. My dream is to get some sponsors, so I can also help out the skateboard community in Havana. My goal is to one day go to the Olympics and be able to inspire others to start skateboarding, because it's a lot of FUN!

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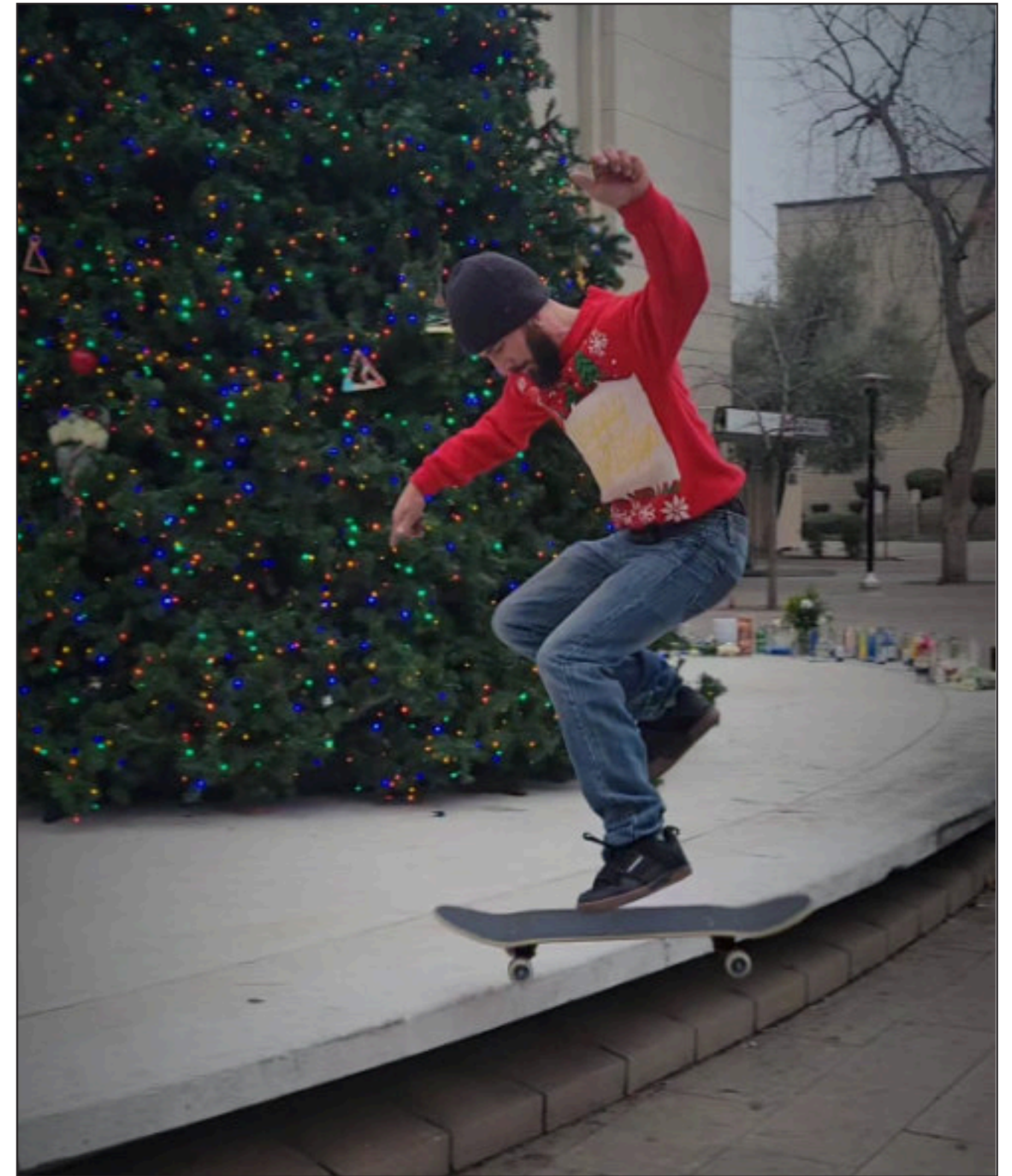


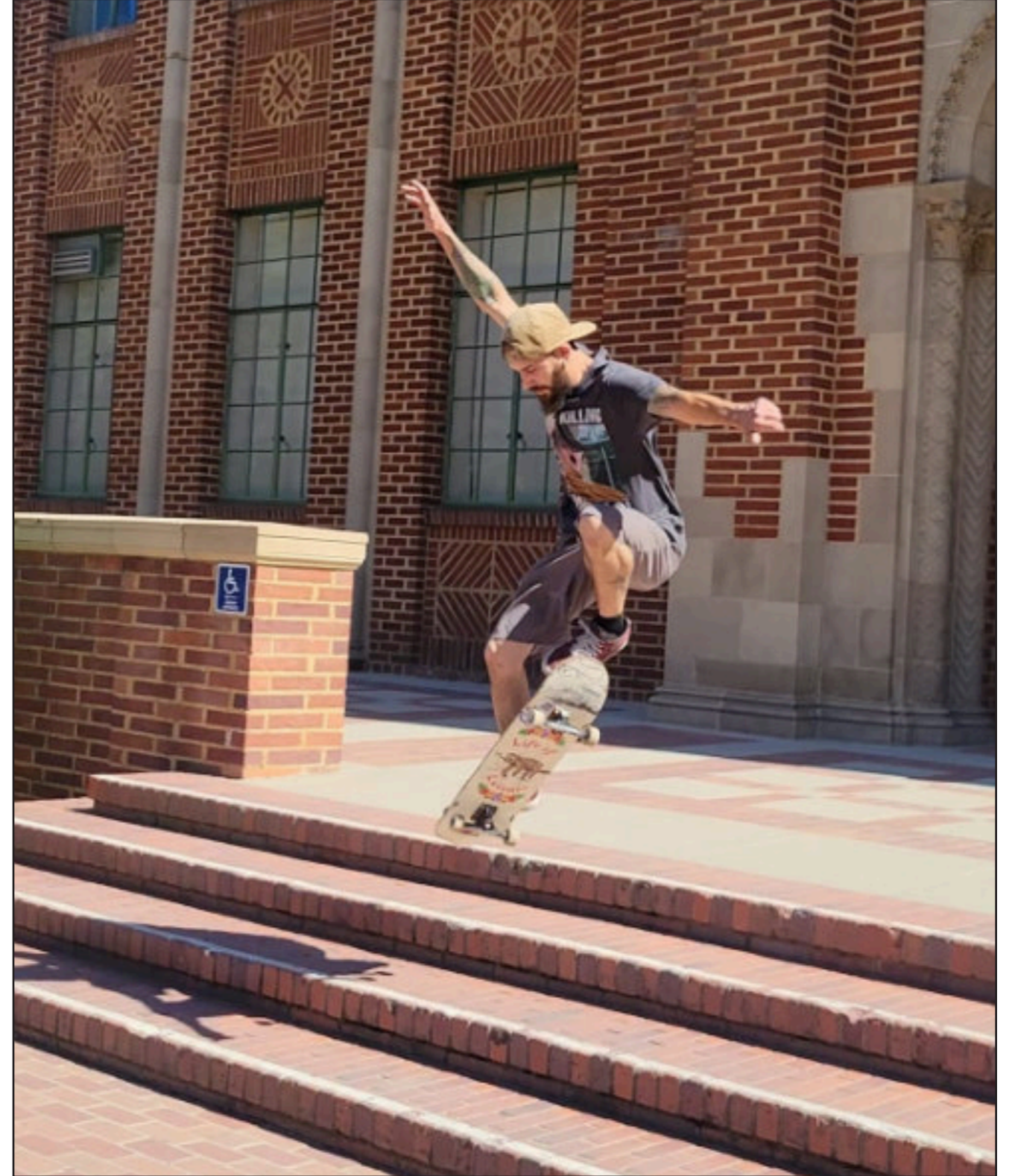
Paul Slik

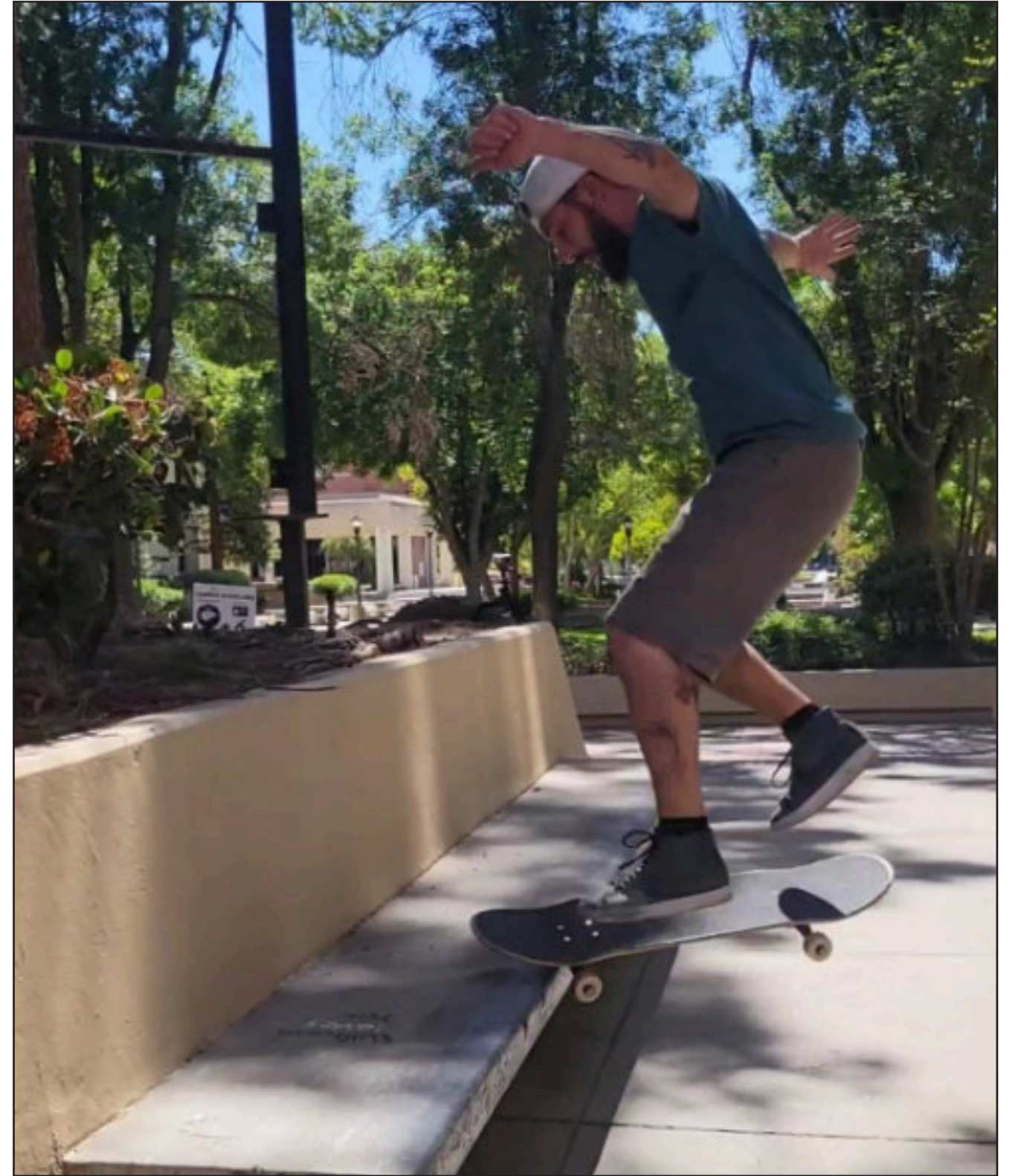
Well my name is Paul. I'm 33 and new years will be year 3 back at skating. I stopped at 15 after an injury and life happened. 3 years ago my mental health wasn't the best and through therapy I regained my love for skating. Soon as I bought a setup, the moment I threw it down everything

goes quiet. It's helped me relieve so much daily stress. Couple hours a day every day and I'll push until I physically can't. The future has me excited for more progression and joy filled skating

Photos Credits: Omari bell and Austin Simmons









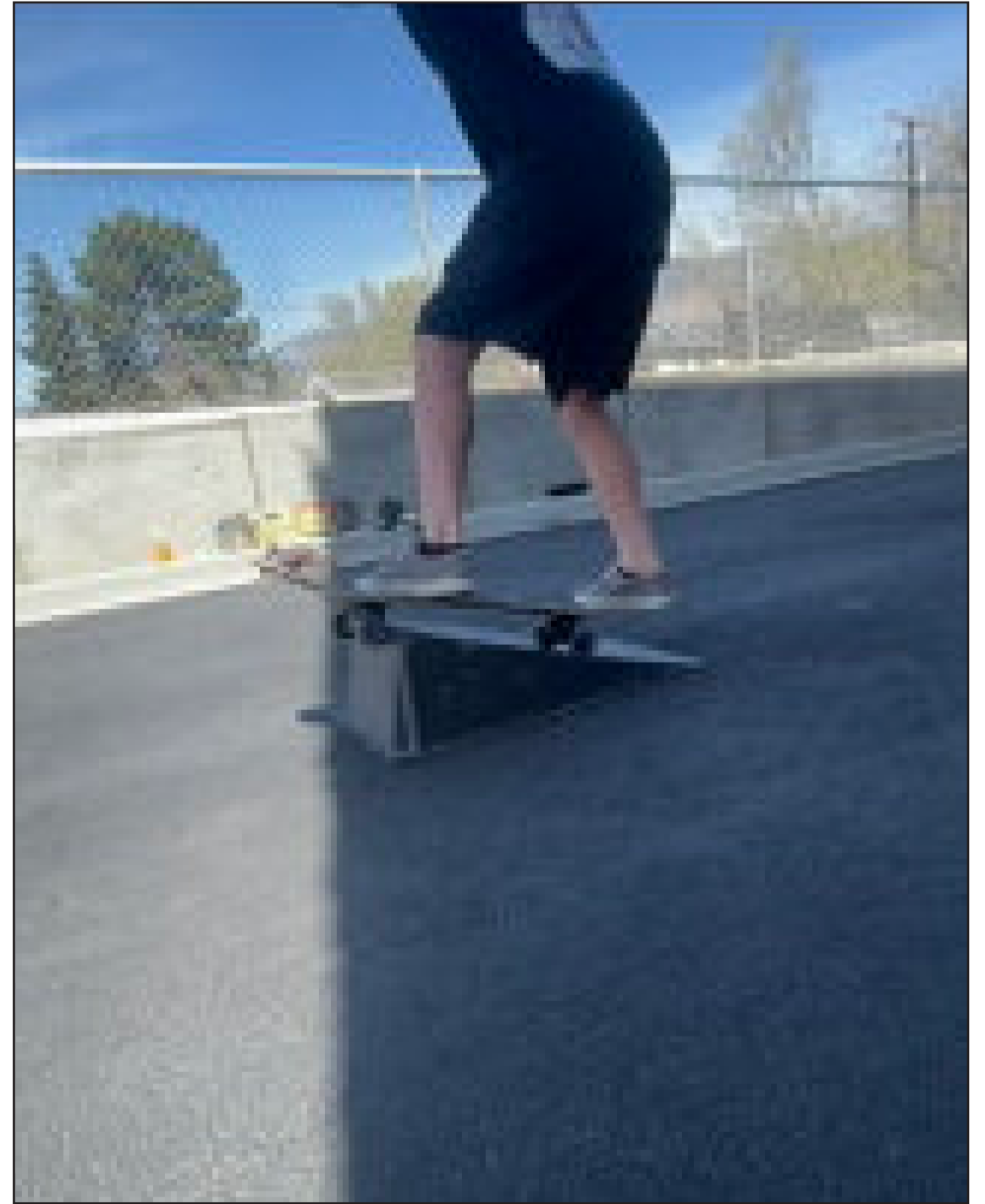
I'm 11 years old and I've been surfing and skateboarding since I was 3 years old. I dream of one day being able to go to a megaramp and be able to feel the sensation of flying so high above the ramp, and someday being able to compete in

the Olympics or X Games. I hope one day to reach my peak and achieve my biggest dreams.

Photographers Credits: BlueWaveSurfSchool







My dream is to not be pro.

But to Ollie a five stair my greatest accomplishments have been learning a

pop shuvit. And another one is me doing a Ollie down a two stair

Photographers Credits: David cook



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