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Averie Mitchell is special. When she was 2 years old she had to have her left leg amputated, and was fitted with a prosthetic limb. Said **Kim Mitchell**, Averie's mother: "I was determined that she was not going to be labeled as disabled."

Her parents enrolled 4-year-old Averie in a gymnastics class. Now she's a Level 5 at Hugo Gymnastics in Hugo, Oklahoma.

Averie, 11, recently placed sixth in the state and will compete in the nationals with her team.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think that she would be as great as she is," Mitchell told NBC News.

Averie continues to push herself in a sport she loves.

"I'm not only helping myself, I'm helping other people (overcome) their fears," said Averie, who's an all-around gymnast. "I would just accomplish a skill, and the other girls are scared to do it. And my coach, **Mandy**, she'll say, 'A one-legged girl can do it, you can do it. You've got two legs.'"

Averie was able to perform an exhibition balance beam routine at the 2016 U.S. Women's Olympic Trials in San Jose, California. She also has her sights set on attending the University of Oklahoma as well as the Olympics.

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“This is how it’s gonna be, so I just have to deal with it,” she said.

Sounds like she’s dealing with it quite well.

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