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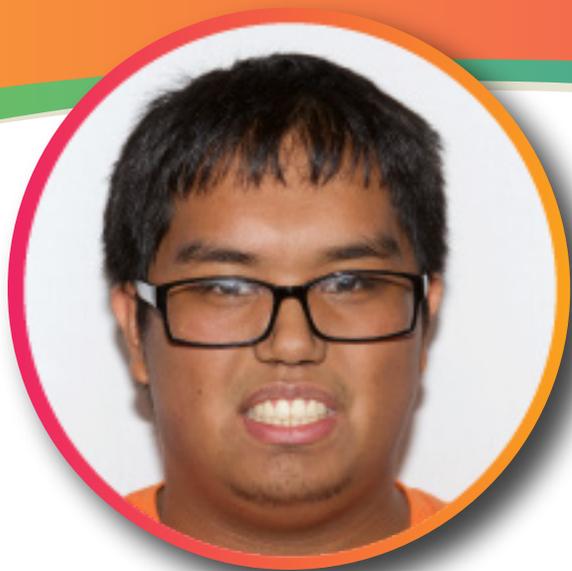
Sport: Flag Football
Hometown: Chicago, IL
Age: 23

1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?
I've participated in Special Olympics since 2015. I play basketball, volleyball, softball, floor hockey, bocce, and flag football.

2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?
It has helped me stay active and meet athletes from all over my city and state. Also, I'm privileged to travel and see places, improve in my athletics, and learn teamwork and sportsmanship.

3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?
Overcome autism and excel in my chosen sports.

4. What makes you most proud?
I'm proud to have graduated high school and be currently employed. I'm proud to be with my fellow athletes in special recreation at the park district.

5. What are some other accomplishments you are proud of?
I'm proud of finishing high school, finding a job, and participating in my public district special programs. I've won many medals and trophies in both individual and group sports.

6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?
I'm active in my church and help out whenever I can in setting up for church.

7. Who do you admire most and why?
I admire Lebron James. He is really the symbol of excellence and is a proven basketball champion.

8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?
I feel honored to have been chosen and to represent Illinois this year. I'm excited and can't wait for USA Games to arrive.

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9. How are you preparing/training for USA Games?
I will keep fit, exercise, and get my mind and body ready.

10. Have you been to a World Games or USA Games before?
No

11. Are you employed? If so, where at and what's your role?
I'm employed as a temporary worker and hope to become a permanent worker. I'm a material handler and my job is to get materials ready for the assemblers to make.

12. Are you a currently a student? If so, where and is it a Unified Champion School?
I'm no longer a student.