



Sport: Flag Football Athletic Coach
Hometown: Vienna, IL
Age: 38

1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?

I do nine different sports including basketball, bocce, softball, snowshoeing, flag football, volleyball, and gymnastics. I've been part of Special Olympics for over 25 years and have been a Global Messenger for over 20 years.

2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?

It has transformed my life to be a better athlete and be active in the community. It challenges me to use my skills in my job and elsewhere. It has challenged me to lead calls and be social when talking to friends.

3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?

My biggest obstacle has been doing things on my own.

4. What makes you most proud?

I am proud of when I got a job at the federal building after filling out my resume and passing my background checks.

5. What are some other accomplishments you are proud of?

I am proud of my silver medal from the 2003 World Games in Dublin, Ireland.

6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?

I like esports, technology, listening to music, and having goals.

7. Who do you admire most and why?

I admire Michael Jordan because he never gave up and kept working.

8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?

It means giving athletes a chance to rise to the occasion.



9. How are you preparing/training for USA Games?

I am teaching other athletes the skills I learned in flag football.

10. Have you been to a World Games or USA Games before?

I went to the 2003 World Games in Dublin, Ireland. I won silver in standing long jump and earned a seventh place ribbon in the 100-meter dash.

11. Are you employed? If so, where at and what's your role?

No

12. Are you currently a student? If so, where and is it a Unified Champion School?

No

