

# Kraig Dahnke

*Special  
Olympics  
Illinois*



**Sport: Athletics**  
**Hometown: Teutopolis, IL**  
**Age: 31**

**1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?**

I have been with Special Olympics for 19 years. I do athletics, bocce, basketball, and volleyball.

**2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?**

It has made me more outgoing. I've made friends that I wouldn't have otherwise had. It helps keep me in shape.

**3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?**

Fear of failure

**4. What makes you most proud?**

The medals I have won and the maturity I have gained.

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

I was the manager for my high school wrestling and baseball team.

**6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?**

I like playing video games, painting, driving my golf cart, and helping my neighbor do chores.

**7. Who do you admire most and why?**

I most admire my neighbor, Dan. He teaches me how to build things and landscaping.

**8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?**

I am proud that I made Team Illinois. I'm most looking forward to making new friends.

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

I have been practicing with my family at home.



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

None

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

I'm employed at McAlister's Deli as a dishwasher and runner.

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

No



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