

# Vince DeLuca

*Special  
Olympics  
Illinois*



**Coach - Soccer**  
**Hometown: Libertyville, IL**

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

This will be my first year involved with Special Olympics and I am very honored and excited to be part of such an incredible event. I have been a boys and girls soccer high school coach for 25 years and I am excited to be able to coach at this level.

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

No matter what team or level you are participating or coaching in, the bond athletes and coaches create with each other is very powerful. Teamwork, commitment, trust, courage, and fight are all part of becoming a team and doing your best.

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

To be honest I have not had any. The athletes are awesome and want to be part of this adventure.

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

How hard all the athletes work and how much fun they are having!

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

I am a varsity soccer coach and have been doing it for 25 years. I am also involved in club soccer and love coaching my kids' soccer teams.

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

I am on a Celebrate Highwood board and put together events throughout the year for our town to be involved in and have fun.

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

My dad -- he unfortunately recently passed away, but he was my hero. He taught me how to be a man and treat everyone with respect.



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

An unbelievable honor! I look forward to all the fun these games will provide to all athletes.

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

Team training sessions for our squad that include all skills, ball touches, formations, shooting, and teamwork

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

This will be my first.

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

I teach driver's education at Vernon Hills High School and coach soccer at Libertyville High School.

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

No.

