

Grayson Deeney

*Special
Olympics
Illinois*



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

1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?

Grayson started his involvement with Special Olympics swimming 12 years ago and has expanded into basketball, track, field hockey, volleyball, and flag football. This year, he begun Global Messenger training and hopes to become more involved.

2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?

He has made so many fantastic friends through Special Olympics. Learning about teamwork and how to be both a gracious winner and a gracious loser is so important.

3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?

Not being able to read has been an obstacle to keeping in touch with new friends and following schedules, but learning to use his phone in different ways has helped.

4. What makes you most proud?

He is proud to have been chosen as a member of the flag football team for the USA Games.

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

Grayson has a fantastic job making hot sauce, which he loves. He is also a wonderful big brother to his three younger siblings.

6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?

Grayson enjoys attending Northwestern football and basketball games, playing pick-up basketball in his neighborhood, and playing cards with his grandma. His family is also active in animal rescue and he helps socialize the foster puppies (when they aren't being "annoying").

7. Who do you admire most and why?

He admires his dad who is always willing to take him on adventures and help.

8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?

Where to begin? He is SO excited to make new friends and go to his favorite place on earth - Orlando. He is looking forward to the independence of going on a trip with peers.



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

He is preparing by continuing with all of his sports to stay in shape.

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?

Grayson works for Awe-Sauce making small batch hot sauce. He is involved with everything from growing the peppers and preparing the hot sauce to bottling and selling the finished product.

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

No

