

Michelle Dwyer

*Special
Olympics
Illinois*



Coach - Bowling
Hometown: Elmhurst, IL

1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?

I first volunteered my senior year in high school. I have an undergraduate degree in therapeutic recreation, where I started coaching many years ago.

2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?

Special Olympics has been part of my life for so long. It has brought so many friends and smiles into my life.

3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?

I am not sure.

4. What makes you most proud?

Being a part of Unified Champion schools and seeing so many young adults both with and without disabilities hanging out as friends makes me proud of the programming I have created in my school.

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

Maine South High School received recognition for being a National Unified Champion Banner School.

6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?

Besides being involved with Special Olympics, I love to watch my son play his sports and read.

7. Who do you admire most and why?

I truly admire the parents of the Special Olympics athletes. They are amazing, warm-hearted warriors.



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8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?

I am so excited to be able to attend the USA Games and represent Illinois. This has been on my bucket list for a while. I am looking forward to seeing the athletes have the opportunity to shine on a larger scale.

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

As a coach, I am keeping in contact with my team. We are working on team building.

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

This will be my first experience.

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

I am a special education teacher at Maine South High school.

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

I am a teacher and YES our school is a Unified Champion School.

