

Jaden Gryga

*Special
Olympics
Illinois*



Sport: Athletics
Hometown: Frankfort, IL
Age: 17

1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?

Jaden has competed since she was 8 years old. She competes in track and gymnastics.

2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?

Special Olympics has given Jaden a platform to compete along with the added benefit of the socialization.

3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?

Jaden has overcome issues with her heart. She still has issues with her thyroid and Celiac Disease.

4. What makes you most proud?

She is proud to compete in Special Olympics.

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

Jaden competes on a competitive special needs cheerleading team and used to compete in Miracle League baseball. She also loves to be involved in musicals through the Lincolnway Special Recreation Association.

6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?

She volunteers at Navarro Farm where she learns how to grow and cultivate crops. She loves TikTok and hanging out with her family.

7. Who do you admire most and why?

She admires her older sister, Bailey.

8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?

It means the world to her. She loves to compete and meeting new people when she competes. It is an honor to be a part of this team.



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

Jaden is preparing by exercising and trying to eat right.

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?

No

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

Yes, she attends Lincoln-way East High School.



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