



Sport: Athletics
Hometown: Channahon, IL
Age: 24

1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?

I started Special Olympics in 2009 as a track athlete. I also compete in bowling, basketball, and golf.

2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?

It's kept me involved in sports that I enjoy and I've made many friends!

3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?

Just trying to push myself to get better every year by working harder and keeping in shape.

4. What makes you most proud?

I am proudest of making friends, showing good sportsmanship, and earning medals.

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

I ran four years of track at Minooka High School, I graduated with honors from Joliet Jr. College with two Associate Degrees, I am currently a student at University of St. Francis (Joliet, IL) and just recently made the track team there.

6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?

I belong to the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's in Minooka, IL and help out with many charity events, especially the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. I enjoy listening to music, going to concerts, and watching game shows on TV.

7. Who do you admire most and why?

I admire my father the most because he has helped me grow up to become a more successful person in life, especially in sports and at school.

8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?

To me, attending USA Games means that I am one of the Special Olympics athletes who can make a positive difference in people's lives. My track and field events, such as running long jump, the 200-meter run, and the 4X100-meter relay run, are what I look forward to the most because track and field is my favorite sport to participate in.



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

I practice track and field every day with my University of Saint Francis track and field team in preparation for USA Games and college indoor track season.

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

This will be my first USA Games.

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

I am a full-time college student.

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

Yes, I am a junior at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL.

