



**Sport: Gymnastics**  
**Hometown: Palatine, IL**  
**Age: 29**

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

I've been with Special Olympics for 16 years. I participate in gymnastics.

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

It made me healthier and stronger, it gave me the opportunity to be a leader and role model to other gymnasts, and it gave me a goal to work towards: to get better at gymnastics.

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

Getting my driver's license.

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

I am proud of working at Buffalo Wild Wings for six years, getting my drivers license, and winning gold in gymnastics at USA Games in Atlanta

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

I'm proud of living independently.

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

I like working the soundboard at church and riding my bike.

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

I admire my dad. He works hard and is persistent in reaching his goals. He volunteers to help the homeless in our community.

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

It's an accomplishment and recognition of over 15 years of practicing and competing in Special Olympics gymnastics. It means I get to compete with other gymnasts from all over the USA. It means I might get to see friends/athletes from other states that I've competed against at the Peter Vidmar competitions in LA as well as at meets in Atlanta.



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

I'm working out and practicing.

**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?**

Yes, at Buffalo Wild Wings. I do the food preparation.

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

No



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