



Coach - Gymnastics Hometown: Arlington Heights, IL

1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?

I've been involved for over 45 years. I was part of the team that wrote the compulsory routines.

2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?

Special Olympics has changed my life in so many ways. I have met people from all over the world and learned so much from all my great experiences.

3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?

Convincing the athletes of their ability not their disability

4. What makes you most proud?

Watching my athletes achieve and accomplish their dreams

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

I received a lifetime achievement award in Illinois gymnastics. I also was the first person to win the Tim Rand award.

6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?

I love to travel.

7. Who do you admire most and why?

The people I admire most are my athletes. I love to see them work hard and achieve their goals - to see the smile on their faces when they get their awards is worth everything



8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?

I look forward to meeting people from all over the country. The games mean to me a great deal -- to see all the athletes achieve their goals and win many awards.

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

Training hard! Doing everything we can to be ready for the USA games

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

I was a world gymnastics coach in Shanghai China, Athens Greece, and Los Angeles. I was the coach for the USA Games in Iowa and New Jersey.

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

I am semi-retired. I still volunteer coach gymnastics at the American Academy of gymnastics in Wheeling, Illinois.

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

No, I am currently not a student.

