



Sport: Unified Soccer
Hometown: Vernon Hills, IL
Age: 19

1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?

I've been participating in Special Olympics for five years. I've been involved in basketball, floor hockey, and soccer.

2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?

Special Olympics helped me get more active and social. I think it's helped me become a better team member. I have learned to work together with other players.

3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?

I have learned to control the pressure that I put on myself.

4. What makes you most proud?

I am proud of when I get out of my comfort zone and try new things.

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

I graduated from high school in 2021 with excellent grades. I have received several medals in Special Olympics.

6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?

I enjoy biking long distances, traveling, and researching different places.

7. Who do you admire most and why?

I admire my family because they love me and want me to do my best.



8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?

The USA Games means so much to me. I'm looking forward to a once in a lifetime event for me. I will be able to spend more time with my teammates and coaches.

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

I am staying fit by walking and practicing with my teammates.

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?

I have been working at my local grocery store for over two years. I am a front-end bagger and cart retriever.

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

I am a student at a transitional school. I'm planning to take a college course at a local community college in the future.

