



Coach - Golf
Hometown: Chicago, IL

1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?

I have been involved with Special Olympics for 23 years. I coach many sports including bocce, swim, snowshoeing, gymnastics, and athletics to name a few. I have coached at the USA Games three times.

2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?

Giving me the opportunity to meet and work with the most amazing people or should I say friends and help me build confidence in myself.

3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?

I struggled through school when I was in eighth grade. I was told I was dyslexic but there was nothing to do for me at that point so I just had to work hard to do my best with things.

4. What makes you most proud?

Seeing my participants achieve something new they thought they could not do.

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

N/A

6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?

I like reading, sewing, and doing things with my girls. I also work the Toys for Tots motorcycle run in December and do toy deliveries with Santa.

7. Who do you admire most and why?

I admire my mom. She got her college degree at 50 and was married to my dad for over 50 years before we lost him. She had her mother move in with her and helped take care of her until she passed away also, and she just bought her first condo all by herself and is living alone for the first time in her life. She is a strong woman.



8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?

It means that I have a chance to help someone reach and achieve something they might have thought was not possible for them and to help them have fun doing it.

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

I will be brushing up on the rules.

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

I was lucky enough to attend the games in Iowa for gymnastic, Nebraska for women's basketball, New Jersey for golf, and I was an alternate for Seattle.

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

I am a special recreation instructor. I coach nine of the 11 spots my park does. I also prepare for other classes and do paperwork for completion. I also chaperone athletes on overnight trips.

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

N/A

