



## Coach - Gymnastics Hometown: Chicago, IL

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

I have been working for SOILL for a little over four years. I also completed my internship in college at Special Olympics Michigan.

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

Seeing the resilience of the athletes at competitions reminds me to have more patience in my life.

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

I think going to college in a state I knew no one and having to break out of my comfort zone to make friends and want to be states away from family.

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

Seeing something that I worked hard on until the end.

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

I have contributed to improving the quality of Region D competitions.

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

I enjoy arts/crafts, puzzles, and reading.

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

My parents - they are hard-working and have created a wonderful life for me and my sibling. Also, my boyfriend who is one of the most calm, cool, and collected people I've ever met. I hope to one day be a "go with the flow" person like he is.



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

I am excited to get the experience and chance to see a USA Games. This will be an amazing learning opportunity and I am most excited to just be there and take it all in and the gymnastics competition.

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

We are having multiple days that we will be getting together as a group so we can get to know each other and work well together. I will also be re-reading the gymnastics rules/routines to be able to better assist where I am needed.

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

This will be my first.

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

Yes, Special Olympics Illinois Region D. I am Director of Sports and Competitions.

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

N/A

