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ATHLETICS



Alexa Barricklow
Aurora, Colorado

Alexa has been a Special Olympics Colorado athlete since 2002. She competes in aquatics, athletics, basketball, bowling, cycling, golf, gymnastic, figure skating, softball, and volleyball. Alexa is on the autism spectrum. She doesn't remember life before Special Olympics because she started competing at the age of 9. She loves how active she is, but most of all, she loves how many great friends she has made. Alexa has gained the confidence she needs to reach out and make friends.



Kyle Emery
Fort Collins, Colorado

Kyle started competing with Special Olympics in 2003. He competes in basketball, softball, athletics, and flag football. He has worked at a high school full time for 12 years as a Paraprofessional working with kids with intellectual disabilities. He also works with the kids at their homes. Kyle is honored to be able to be a part of the 2018 USA Games and represent Colorado.



Kayla Fast
Berthoud, Colorado

Kayla is 25 years old with a passion for running. She can't wait to go for the gold at USA Games. She recently lost her Aunt to cancer, and before she passed, Kayla told her she would win gold for her at Summer Games. And that she did! She is very proud of herself and will winning gold will always remind her of her aunt. It taught her that she can overcome anything if she puts her mind to it.



Logan Frazen
Wellington, Colorado

Logan started competing with Special Olympics in 2010 playing basketball and baseball in Loveland, Colorado. He is very involved with the Law Enforcement Torch Run community and competes in Unified Sports in Fort Collins and the Poudre High School Impalas. He is a good student and loves helping his family on the ranch.

AQUATICS



Caitlin Hass

Centennial, Colorado

Caitlin has been a Special Olympics Colorado athlete since 2010. She competes in aquatics and basketball. When Caitlin was born prematurely with a traumatic brain injury, the doctors told her parents that she would not walk or talk. She has a cognitive disability, anxiety, a sensory integration disorder, and epilepsy. Special Olympics Colorado has changed Caitlin's life by helping her gain confidence, and by learning how to be a leader. Caitlin competed on her high school's swim team and will be attending college in the fall.



Benjamin Sandoval

Denver, Colorado

Ben is 41 years old and joined Special Olympics at an early age trying various sports. As he grew, he settled into swimming and biking. Special Olympics has helped Ben stay physically active and has helped him make new friends with his teammates. He loves to compete at the state games. In his free time, Ben likes acting, dancing, martial arts, scrapbooking, and yoga. He is very excited to compete at USA Games as part of Team Colorado.



Nicholas Schreiber

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Nicholas has been competing with Special Olympics Colorado since 2006 in basketball and aquatics. He loves being part of a team and helping them win. In his free time he enjoys video games, art, dancing, cooking, and being with his friends.



Kristina Sisneros

Henderson, Colorado

Kristina has been competing in Special Olympics since 2006 and continues to amaze everyone with her gold and silver medals. She is the oldest of four and enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She strives to learn new things and can read and write in Italian and English. She is now working to become trilingual in Spanish.



Victoria Smith

Grand Junction, Colorado

Victoria has been a Special Olympics Colorado athlete since 2013. She competes in aquatics, athletics, bowling, golf, and soccer. Victoria says that Special Olympics has changed her life in the best way by making her a healthier person. Before Special Olympics, she would have to go to the doctor all the time, but now she feels better than ever. Special Olympics has given Victoria many opportunities to make friends and has built her confidence to be a leader in the sports she competes in and at school.



Kyle Visser

Parker, Colorado

Kyle used to be fearful of the water when he was younger. It took 3 years with two dedicated unified partners to improve his swimming from being an assisted swimmer to a high performance swimmer at his high school and USA Games. He lettered four years at his high school in swimming and in academics. Kyle has competed in swimming, basketball, flag football, softball, and volleyball for the past 15 years and works full time at Special Olympics Colorado as a Competition Assistant.

BOWLING



Dean Casebolt

Denver, Colorado

Dean has competed with Special Olympics since he was 18 years old in 12 different sports. Now at 52 years old, he is still competing in bowling. He has been a Global Messenger for Special Olympics Colorado and advocate for Special Olympics alongside his wife Anna.



Heather Miller

Littleton, Colorado

Heather has competed with Special Olympics Colorado since 2004 in bowling and aquatics. She enjoys camping, vacations, and watching all Colorado sports teams. She is very excited to represent Team Colorado at USA Games!



Shawn Sesma

Englewood, Colorado

Shawn has been competing with Special Olympics Colorado for the past 16 years in bowling and basketball. When he's not competing, he enjoys running, writing and riding his bike.



McKenna White

Colorado Springs, Colorado

McKenna was born in Colorado Springs in 2001. In 2004 she was diagnosed with Autism. Not letting her limitations get in the way, she started to compete in golf 2015 and then bowling in 2016. Special Olympics has changed her life by teaching her lessons in fairness and positivity. She enjoys writing, animation, toy collection, videography, and movies. McKenna can't wait to compete at USA Games in bowling as part of Team Colorado

SOCCKER



Pedro Chavez

Brighton, Colorado

Pedro Chavez grew in Brighton, Colorado and has 2 older sisters. He is an avid NFL fan and follows teams closely. Pedro started playing sports in middle school and continued into high school. He has become a true leader in soccer, flag football and basketball teams at Brighton High School.



Chloe Gustafson

Brighton, Colorado

Chloe has competed with Special Olympics for the last 8 years in flag football, soccer, basketball, and track field as part of the Brighton High School Unified Soccer Team. She loves competing with her friends and always has a smile on her face. She loves animals and even adopted a donkey!



Fetina Lange

Brighton, Colorado

Fetina has been competing with Special Olympics since 2013 in basketball, bowling, and soccer. Being part of a Special Olympics team has made her more outgoing and given her confidence. She loves the friends she has made from being part of the Brighton High School Unified Soccer, Flag Football and Basketball Team. Fetina is an honor roll student and has had perfect attendance in high school.



Ryan Luna
Brighton, Colorado

Ryan has been competing with Special Olympics for the last two years in flag football, basketball and soccer as part of the Brighton High School Unified Program. He loves to ride his bike and play video games. He also enjoys meeting new people and can't wait to represent Colorado at USA Games!



Randall Martin
Hudson, Colorado

Randall has been competing as a unified partner with Special Olympics for the last two years in flag football, basketball and soccer with the Brighton High School Unified Program.



Eric Martin
Hudson, Colorado

Eric is from Hudson, Colorado and competes in basketball, flag football and soccer as a Unified Partner for the Brighton High School Unified Teams. He has competed for past 2 years.



Santino Perez
Brighton, Colorado

Santino has been competing with Special Olympics for the last three years as a unified partner in flag football, basketball and soccer as part of the Brighton High School Unified Program.



Dalton Quintana
Hudson, Colorado

Dalton joined Special Olympics playing basketball his freshman year at Brighton High School. He now competes in flag football, soccer and basketball. Because of Special Olympics, Dalton has been able to make lifelong friendships. In his free time, Dalton likes to ride his bike.



Cole Reed
Brighton, Colorado

Cole has competed with Special Olympics Colorado for the past three years as a unified partner for the Brighton High School flag football, soccer, and basketball teams. He also was a member of the Colorado Rapids Unified Team. He loves that Special Olympics keeps the dream alive for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics and his Unified team has opened up opportunities for Cole that he otherwise wouldn't have. It has helped him stay active and make more friends.



Colton Rice
Brighton, Colorado

Colton has been a Special Olympics Colorado athlete since 2014. Colton is on the autism spectrum, has ADHD, low muscle tone, fine motor defects, and has a cognitive disability. He competes in athletics, flag football, basketball, and soccer. Colton not only is an athlete but also an extremely involved member of the Youth Activation Committee. Before Special Olympics, it was hard for Colton to make friends and be part of a team. He is now a leader on the Brighton High School Unified Soccer Team that will be competing at USA Games.



Aileen Rodriguez

Brighton, Colorado

Aileen has been competing with Special Olympics for the last two years in flag football, basketball and soccer as a Unified Partner for the Brighton High School Unified Program.

TENNIS



Nathan Knepper

Golden, Colorado

Nathan has been competing with Special Olympics Colorado since 2003 in alpine skiing and tennis. His first big event was the 2010 USA Games in Nebraska where he won gold medals in tennis. Nathan is currently working on improving his serve and is focusing on conditioning and footwork. He also works full time and enjoys cooking and visiting with family.



Chaz Moss

Aurora, Colorado

Chaz is 21 years old and a student at Metropolitan State University in the Inclusion Higher Education Certificate Program (IHECP). He competes in volleyball, basketball, softball, track, floor hockey, swimming, bocce, golf, and tennis. His Special Olympics unified partners, teammates, and coaches have helped Chaz build confidence and friendships.



Andie Zitek

Denver, Colorado

Andie has been a Special Olympics Colorado athlete since 2003. She competes in aquatics, athletics, alpine skiing, tennis, and volleyball. Andie loves being a Special Olympic athlete because she gets to play the sports she loves and make new friends. At Special Olympics, she feels like she can be herself and be more involved in her community.