Global Messenger

Samantha Bondurant

Years Involved with Special Olympics: Since 2018

Hometown: Virginia Beach, VA

Sports: Track & Field, Soccer, Cheerleading, Powerlifting, and USA Games

Educational History: Kempsville High School class of 2019

Employment: Chick-Fil-A Indian River, November 2020 to present.

Career Goals: I would like to be a running or a fitness coach.

People Admired: I admire my late grandfather. He was always one of my biggest fans.

Why is it important to build a more unified generation? There’s so much that everyone can learn from one another. And everybody can be important and loved.

Why is Special Olympics important to you? Special Olympics is important to me because it has helped me build confidence, helped me with fitness and health, and has allowed me to meet many wonderful people.

“Somethings I cannot change but ‘til I try I’ll never know”, from the musical “Wicked”.

Mentor: Sherry York

Global Messengers are Special Olympics Virginia athletes who help spread the message and vision of the movement as well as the benefits gained by participation in Special Olympics. Global Messengers deliver a powerful message of respect, inclusion, unity and attitudinal change. For more information regarding the Special Olympics Virginia Global Messenger program please contact David Pawlowski at 804-726-3034 or dpawlowski@specialolympicsva.org.