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Special  
Olympics  
Virginia



Global Messenger

# James Tench

**Years Involved with Special Olympics:** 31

**Hometown:** Mechanicsville, Virginia

**Sports:** Everything with the exception of tennis.

**Educational/Work History:** Graduated from Atlee High School, while in school I worked at Goodwill and R-MC. After school, I worked at Moss Supply until I had to leave due to health concerns.

**Career Goals:** To be able to return to working either a part-time job or volunteer. I also want to get more people, especially younger people, involved in Special Olympics.

**People Admired:** My mom, Coach Jewel, Casey and Carla.

**Why is it important to build a more unified generation?** "It is important to build a more unified generation because I want people to see what we can do because we enjoy the things that everyone does. I play unified with softball, basketball, and bowling with the intentions of having fun while being able to play competitively at the level that is fitting for me."

**Why is Special Olympics important to you?** "It's important to me because of the love and support of everyone and the family



*"Special Olympics is my life and my family."*

*James Tench  
Global Messenger*



*David Thomason  
Mentor*

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