

Inspiring the first unified generation.

Special
Olympics
Virginia



Global Messenger

Jennifer Lin

Years Involved with Special Olympics: 20+

Hometown: Williamsburg, Virginia

Sports: Swimming, Bowling, Roller Skating

Educational/Work History: Williamsburg/JCC Schools K - 6. Chesapeake Bay Academy - 7 & 8. Riverview School - 9-12. Many veterinary clinics & WJCC School System

Career Goals: To continue to help with pre-school transportation and to promote and raise awareness of Special Olympics through fund raising and speaking engagements.

People Admired: All SO athletes.

Why is it important to build a more unified generation? "It generates greater understanding and inclusion between non-disabled athletes and disabled athletes. As non-disabled athletes compete alongside Special Olympics athletes, bonds are formed that carry over to off the field of competition.

Why is Special Olympics important to you? "It has allowed me to make more friends, improve my health and fitness while having fun. I get to travel and I get to meet other athletes from all over. It has increased my self-confidence and improved my social skills.

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.



People with intellectual disabilities are just as competitive and passionate about setting and achieving goals as anyone else. "

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