Edward Sanford

**Years Involved with Special Olympics:** 16

**Hometown:** Winchester, Virginia

**Sports:** Basketball, Bocce, Track and Field, Bowling, Softball, Soccer

**Educational/Work History:** Graduated from John Handley High School, Currently working at Target and has been there for 14 years

**Career Goals:** To help people in anything related to sports.

**People Admired:** Family

**Why is it important to build a more unified generation?** “It is important to involve everyone with and without disabilities in one community.”

**Why is Special Olympics important to you?** “Special Olympics helps us show the world how sports can be fun. I enjoy meeting new people and competing at tournaments.”

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.