



# Special Olympics Illinois

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## Special Olympics Illinois Athletes return from USA National Games with Awards, Great Memories and Pride in Their Accomplishments

Here are the results of competition for Team Illinois at the Special Olympics 2010 USA National Games in Lincoln, Nebraska which took place from July 18-23. For more details about athletes and their results, see [www.2010specialolympics.org](http://www.2010specialolympics.org) – Results (click upper right-hand corner).

Listing includes Athlete, local Special Olympics agency, hometown and results of competition. Athletes competed in divisions based on ability, age, gender.

1<sup>st</sup> = Gold medal; 2<sup>nd</sup>=Silver medal; 3<sup>rd</sup>=Bronze medal. Ribbons for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> place. Participation Ribbon (for those who did not complete event or committed a technical error)

### Aquatics (backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle, butterfly, individual medley, relays, etc – abbreviated below)

Marcy Bobell of Springfield Park District, **Auburn** 25yd back-4<sup>th</sup>; 25yd breast-1<sup>st</sup>; 50yd free-5<sup>th</sup>; 4x25yd freestyle relay-.5th  
Ashley Bosley of Kankakee School Districts, **Kankakee** 100yd breast-2<sup>nd</sup>; 200yd ind.med-1<sup>st</sup>; 400yd free-1<sup>st</sup>; 4x50yd med .relay-2nd  
Bob Kuhlmann of Dream Catchers, **Forsyth** 100yd back-1<sup>st</sup>; 100yd butt-Participation; 100yd free-4<sup>th</sup>; 4x50yd med relay-2nd  
Frank Patterson of WSSRA, **Oak Park** 25yd back-4<sup>th</sup>; 50yd free-7<sup>th</sup>; 100yd free-1<sup>st</sup>; 4x25yd free relay-5th  
Marla Scoggins of Alton School District, **Godfrey** 25yd back-2<sup>nd</sup>; 50yd back-2<sup>nd</sup>; 50yd free-4<sup>th</sup>; 4x25yd free relay-5th  
Jennifer Slater of Macomb Park District, **Bushnell** 25yd butt-3<sup>rd</sup>; 50yd free-3<sup>rd</sup>; 100yd free-3<sup>rd</sup>; 4x25yd free relay-5th  
Eric Swartz of Springfield Park District, **Springfield** 100 yd breast-2<sup>nd</sup>; 100yd ind med-2<sup>nd</sup>; 400yd free-1<sup>st</sup>; 4x50yd med relay-2nd  
Kurtis VanKuiken of Lansing Knights of Columbus, **Lansing** 100yd breast-1<sup>st</sup>; 100yd free-2<sup>nd</sup>; 200yd ind med-1<sup>st</sup>; 4x50yd med relay-2nd  
Coaches Vicki Mann, **Schaumburg** & Erin Newport, **Palatine**

### Athletics (track & field)

Jim Albers of Clinton County Cats, **Germantown** 100M run-2<sup>nd</sup>; 200M run-4<sup>th</sup>; Long jump-2<sup>nd</sup>;  
Jacqueline Beasley of Leyden High School, **Elmwood Park** 400M run-1<sup>st</sup>; long jump-3<sup>rd</sup>; shotput 3kg-6<sup>th</sup>; 4x400M relay-4th  
Aaron Drescher of NWSRA, **Inverness** 400M run-2<sup>nd</sup>; 800M run-Participation; 1500M run-1<sup>st</sup>; 4x400M relay-3rd  
Megan Graf of Tri-Valley Special Olympics, **Ellsworth** 100M run-6<sup>th</sup>; 200M run-3<sup>rd</sup>; shotput 3kg-1<sup>st</sup>  
Abigail Gryns of Pekin IRVSRA, **Pekin** 200M run-1<sup>st</sup>; 400M run-1<sup>st</sup>; long jump-1<sup>st</sup>; 4x400 relay-4th  
Melanie Harwood of Energizer Bunnies, **Libertyville** 800M run-2<sup>nd</sup>; 1500M run-3<sup>rd</sup>; long jump-Participation; 4x400M relay-4th  
Mudiwa Jabulani of Gage Park, **Chicago** 200M run-3<sup>rd</sup>; 400M run-3<sup>rd</sup>; shotput 3kg-1<sup>st</sup>; 4x400M relay-4th  
Justin Kieffer of Kieffer Independent, **Allendale** 200M run-Participation; 400M run-1<sup>st</sup>; long jump-2<sup>nd</sup>; 4x400M relay-3rd  
Latoya Monroe of Human Service Center, **Sparta** 100M run-4<sup>th</sup>; 200M run-3<sup>rd</sup>; long jump-3rd  
Dwight Nobsch of Rockford Special Olympics, **Durand** 100M run-5<sup>th</sup>; 400M run-5<sup>th</sup>; shotput 4kg-1<sup>st</sup>; 4x400M relay-3rd  
Jeremiah Seitz of ARC Community, **Port Byron** 100M run-4<sup>th</sup>; 400M run-6<sup>th</sup>; long jump -5<sup>th</sup>; 4x400M relay-3rd  
Bernie Troutwine of Warren County Special Olympics, **Monmouth** 100M walk-3rd; softball throw-2<sup>nd</sup>; standing long jump-4th  
Coaches Craig Ameel, **Cary**, Sherri Izban, **Romeoville** & Darci Peadro, **Shelbyville**

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## **Bocce**

Carissa Lee of Rockford Special Olympics, **Rockford** Doubles-4<sup>th</sup> (with Mosley); Team-3rd  
Brian Mosley of Illinois Valley Industries, **Morris** Doubles-4<sup>th</sup> (with Lee); Team-3rd  
Katie Palmer of Warren County Special Olympics, **Knoxville** Doubles-3<sup>rd</sup> (with Sneed); Team – 3rd  
Charles Sneed of Progress Port Inc., **Carterville** Doubles-3<sup>rd</sup> (with Palmer); Team-3rd  
Coach Stacey Metheny of **Lenzburg**

## **Bowling**

Nathan Behnke of Olney Rebels, **Olney** Singles-1<sup>st</sup>; Mixed doubles – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Mixed team-1<sup>st</sup>;  
Kathy Maloney of MNASR, **Park Ridge** Singles- 1<sup>st</sup>; Mixed doubles-1<sup>st</sup>; Mixed team-1st  
John Terrelli of NWSRA, **Elk Grove Village** Singles-1<sup>st</sup>; Mixed doubles-1<sup>st</sup>; Mixed team-1st  
Meloni Whitten of Kieffer Independent, **Mt. Carmel** Singles-3<sup>rd</sup>; Mixed doubles-2<sup>nd</sup>; Mixed team-1st  
Coach Matt Corso, **Naperville**

## **Female Basketball 4<sup>th</sup> Place**

Maika Boswell of Elim Christian School, **Worth**  
Hannah Brown of NISRA, **Fox River Grove**  
Leslie Gasser of Elim Christian School, **Orland Park**  
Brandi Kirk of Princeton High School, **Princeton**  
Sara LaPorte of Miner School, **Mt. Prospect**  
Michelle Meegan of Hinsdale South H.S., **Darien**  
Chrystal Morse (Smith) of Gateway Services, **Princeton**  
Ela Stoklosa of Hersey High School, **Wheeling**  
Casey Stonerock of Elim Christian School, **Thornton**  
Maria Torres of Hersey High School, **Mt. Prospect**  
Coaches Lisa Wisniewski of **Chicago** & Katie Clothier of **Bloomington**

## **Golf (Unified pairs players with and without disabilities who compete against other Unified teams)**

Sean Hurley of Marquette Park, **Chicago** Level 4 Stroke Play 9 hole – 1st  
Katelyn Sicinski of LWSRA, **New Lenox** Level 4 Stroke Play 9 hole- 2nd  
Unified - Christopher Rinaldi of NEDSRA, **Roselle** Level 3 Unified Team Play 18 holes– 1st  
Unified - Roy Rinaldi (Partner/father of Chris) of NEDSRA, **Elgin** Level 3 Unified Team Play 18 holes– 1st  
Coach Todd Mallo, **Orland Park**

## **Male Basketball 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

Pedro Banda of Beardstown Special Olympics, **Beardstown**  
Adam Cheatham of Lincoln Park District, **Lincoln**  
Samuel Flagg of Eastside Terrace, **Decatur**  
Joel Gomez of Hersey High School, **Elk Grove Village**  
David Hooker of Gateway Services, **Princeton**  
David Svitak of SEASPAR, **Downers Grove**  
Darnell Thompson of Ada S McKinley Industries, **Chicago**  
Robert Verduin of Hinsdale South High School, **Darien**  
Coaches Scott McMahon, **Park Forest** & Gail White, **Palos Hills**

## **Powerlifting (Participation ribbon awarded when athlete is not able to complete their lift)**

Nicole Brickwood of NWSRA/Palatine High School, **Palatine** Deadlift-1<sup>st</sup>; Bench Press-Participation; Squat-Participation;  
Combination All lifts-Participation  
Collette Kensinger of SOAR, **Normal** Bench Press-1<sup>st</sup>; Deadlift-2<sup>nd</sup>; Combination Deadlift and Bench-Bronze  
Dain Miller, FVSRA, **St. Charles** Bench press-3<sup>rd</sup>; Deadlift-3<sup>rd</sup>; Squat-3<sup>rd</sup>; Combination All Lifts-3rd  
Larry Wierema of Gateway SRA, **Willow Springs** Bench press-3<sup>rd</sup>; Deadlift-2<sup>nd</sup>; Squat-1<sup>st</sup>; Combination All Lifts-2nd  
Coach Mike Younie, **Aurora**

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## **Softball      2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

Matthew Albers of Clinton County Cats, Bartelso  
Chad Bollinger of Pathway Services, Beardstown  
Matthew Davis of Clinton County Cats, Trenton  
Alex Fortunato of NISRA, Cary  
Robert Grey Jr. of Opportunity House, Leland  
John Henderson of Eastside Terrace, Decatur  
Ronald Kamper of WDSRA, Naperville  
Kyle Lindblom of Tri-Country SRA, Homer Glen  
Dallas Miller of Eastside Terrace, Decatur  
Mike Mohr of Opportunity House, Sycamore  
Mark Perkins of Pathway Services, Hettick  
Nick Wedeking of Pathway Services, Beardstown  
Scott Wells of Tri-Country SRA, Lockport  
Coaches David Dauphin, Crystal Lake, Alicia Fleege, DeKalb & Michael O'Brien, Sycamore

## **Tennis**

Lisa Hebel of Ottawa Eagles, Ottawa   Singles-3<sup>rd</sup>; Mixed doubles (with Novicki)-1<sup>st</sup>;  
Robert Novicki of FCBT, Wheaton   Singles-3<sup>rd</sup>; Mixed doubles (with Hebel)-1st  
Unified - Brent Eriks of South Cook-Will /Area7, South Holland   Singles-2<sup>nd</sup>; Unified Doubles-3rd  
Unified - Don Brozek (Partner) of South Cook-Will/Area 7. Tinley Park   Unified Doubles-3rd  
Coach Heidi Hayward, Normal

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### **About Special Olympics Illinois**

Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 19 sports for nearly 21,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and more than 4,000 Young Athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics changes lives by empowering people with intellectual disabilities to realize their full potential in sports and in life. Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family and community support. If you are interested in learning more about Special Olympics Illinois, volunteering or providing financial support to help make Special Olympics programs possible, contact your local Special Olympics agency, call 800-394-0562 or visit our website at [www.soill.org](http://www.soill.org).

**Note:** the very first Special Olympics games were held at Soldier Field, Chicago in July, 1968 for 1,000 athletes from the U.S. and Canada. Those games are considered the first international games. Special Olympics Illinois has the state divided into 17 local Area programs where athletes train and compete locally before advancing to higher levels of competition.

### **About the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games**

The 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games in Lincoln, Nebraska showcased and celebrate the Special Olympics movement and athletes from across the United States, while illustrating the power of sports to educate and inform about the true abilities and achievements of people with intellectual disabilities. From July 18-23, 2010, more than 3,000 athletes competed in 13 Olympic-style sports, with the support of 1,000 coaches, 8,000 volunteers and an estimated 15,000 family and friends. In addition to sports, the USA National Games offered various programs in health, wellness and education. To learn more, please visit [www.2010specialolympics.org](http://www.2010specialolympics.org)

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