



**\*\*MEDIA ALERT \*\***

**Special Olympics Washington to Send 100-Member Delegation to Orlando for 2022 Special Olympics USA Games**

*Sendoff for Team Washington Scheduled for Friday, June 3 in Des Moines*

**JUNE 2, 2022 – SEATTLE** – After months of training, a delegation of 100 Special Olympics athletes, Unified partners (athletes without intellectual disabilities) and coaches will be traveling to Orlando, FL on Saturday for the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games.

Hosted once every four years, the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games ([2022SpecialOlympicsUSAGames.org](https://2022SpecialOlympicsUSAGames.org)) run June 5-12 and will bring together more than 5,500 athletes, Unified partners and coaches from all 50 states and the Caribbean for a week of competition in 19 Olympic-style team and individual sports. Seattle hosted the Special Olympics USA Games in 2018.

To celebrate Team Washington and wish them a bon voyage on the eve of their departure, a sendoff will be held this Friday evening, June 3. All guests will be required to wear masks.

**WHERE:** Four Points by Sheraton – 22406 Pacific Highway S, Des Moines

**WHEN:** 6:30 p.m. - Media welcome to arrive and set up  
7:00 p.m. - Program begins with a parade of athletes; athletes, coaches and other spokespeople available for interviews  
8:00 p.m. - Event ends

**WHO:**

- 100 Special Olympics Washington athletes, coaches and staff plus family members from across the state (delegation roster attached)
- State Representative Jamila Taylor
- Players from the Seattle Seawolves
- Volunteers from Bank of America
- Kelly Campbell, Board Chair, Special Olympics Washington
- David Wu, CEO, Special Olympics Washington

Meet the team at [GoTeamWashington.org](https://GoTeamWashington.org) and during the USA Games, follow us on social media for daily updates on Team Washington.

On Sunday, June 5, tune into the Opening Ceremony and cheer on Team Washington as they march in the Parade of Athletes (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PT on ABC, ESPN3 and the ESPN app).

### **About Special Olympics Washington**

Special Olympics Washington provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for thousands of children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. For more information, please visit [SpecialOlympicsWashington.org](https://SpecialOlympicsWashington.org).

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## Team Washington Roster

[GoTeamWashington.org](http://GoTeamWashington.org)

First Name	Last Name	Sport	Role	Hometown
Joel	Adams	Soccer	Athlete	Port Orchard
Nick	Asby	Flag Football	Coach	Federal Way
Jagateshwar	Bains	Flag Football	Unified Partner	Okanogan
Jasmair	Bains	Flag Football	Unified Partner	Okanogan
Stephen	Barkholz	Bowling	Athlete	Darrington
Nicole	Becker	Swimming	Coach	Bothell
Elizabeth	Bedell	Bowling	Athlete	Maple Valley
Gregory	Berg	Bowling	Athlete	Kennewick
Andrew	Bishop	Basketball	Athlete	Mukilteo
Tyler	Bjork	Staff	Assistant Head of Delegation	Des Moines
Gina	Boyle	Soccer	Athlete	Port Orchard
TyAnna	Brandley	Competitive Cheer	Athlete	Puyallup
Grant	Brickbealer	Volleyball	Athlete	Lynden
Daniel	Brito	Volleyball	Athlete	Bow
Erika	Burk	Powerlifting	Athlete	Everett
Lucy	Capron	Volleyball	Coach	Bow
Emily	Carter	Medical Staff	Medical Staff	Seattle
Jake	Cheff	Basketball	Unified Partner	Lynnwood
Amy	Cheng	Powerlifting	Head Coach	Brush Prairie
Brittney	Chiasson	Competitive Cheer	Unified Partner	Lacey
Haaland	Christiansen	Basketball	Athlete	Lynnwood
Kristie	Clark	Golf	Athlete	Everett
Peter	Condon	Golf	Athlete	Spokane
Stacey	Conser	Volleyball	Athlete	Lynnwood
Stephanie	Critchell	Swimming	Head Coach	East Wenatchee
Ian	Dews	Bocce	Athlete	Seattle
Jacquelyn	Diaz	Bocce	Athlete	Oak Harbor
Karen	Elliott	Competitive Cheer	Head Coach	Steilacoom
Samantha	Elliott	Competitive Cheer	Athlete	Steilacoom
Christina	Evenhuis	Competitive Cheer	Unified Partner	Olympia
Kailee	Gallagher	Basketball	Unified Partner	Mukilteo
Kenneth "Randy"	Geoghegan	Volleyball	Head Coach	Burlington
Kevin	Geoghegan	Volleyball	Athlete	Burlington

First Name	Last Name	Sport	Role	Hometown
Jayce	Goodpaster	Youth Leadership Experience	Youth Leadership Experience	Buckley
Madison	Goverde	Staff	Head of Delegation	Lake Stevens
Benjamin	Gregory	Athletics	Athlete	Olympia
Danielle	Haag	Athletics	Athlete	Puyallup
Nyah	Hart	Competitive Cheer	Unified Partner	Olympia
Turrean	Hatzenbeler	Flag Football	Athlete	Seattle
Truman	Hobbs	Swimming	Athlete	Lake Stevens
Nicholas	Hollands	Volleyball	Athlete	Sedro-Woolley
Rachel	Hunter	Flag Football	Coach	Des Moines
Jimmie	Hutchins	Soccer	Athlete	Bremerton
Jocelyn	Iwaniec	Soccer	Athlete	Port Orchard
Kaleb	Jersey	Youth Leadership Experience	Youth Leadership Experience	Milton
Kaia	Johnson	Basketball	Unified Partner	Mukilteo
Brayden	Kelly	Flag Football	Athlete	Seattle
Gregory	Kelly	Flag Football	Head Coach	Seattle
Benjamin	Kennish	Flag Football	Athlete	Auburn
Austin	Kim	Basketball	Athlete	Lynnwood
Bronson	Kim	Basketball	Unified Partner	Lynnwood
Seth	Landers-Printy	Soccer	Athlete	Port Orchard
Austin	Landon	Flag Football	Athlete	Kent
Morgan	Larche	Youth Ambassador Program	Staff	Tri-Cities
Travis	Lillard	Bowling	Head Coach	Marysville
Craig	Lockard	Athletics	Athlete	Dayton
Isaac	Lunderville	Bocce	Athlete	Moses Lake
Christopher	Lyman	Soccer	Athlete	Port Orchard
Georgia	McClaskey	Basketball	Head Coach	Mukilteo
Doug	McPherson	Powerlifting	Athlete	Yacolt
Camille	Moore	Youth Leadership Experience	Youth Leadership Experience	Auburn
Marcus	Moore	Volleyball	Athlete	Mount Vernon
Domanic	Morrow	Soccer	Athlete	Port Orchard
Jake	Moselle	Swimming	Athlete	Clyde Hill
Alice	Ness	Bowling	Athlete	Moses Lake
Della	Norton	Athletics	Staff	Seattle
Grant	Opland	Staff	Staff	Colbert
Ronnie	Papka	Flag Football	Athlete	Seattle
Kialie	Pogoncheff	Competitive Cheer	Unified Partner	Joint Base Lewis McChord

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Skyler	Poor	Volleyball	Athlete	Anacortes
Kathy	Robinson	Bocce	Head Coach	Clarkston
Eamonn	Rosenberg	Soccer	Athlete	Olalla
Nicholas	Rothbauer	Volleyball	Athlete	Lynden
Savannah	Seiple	Athletics	Coach	Seattle
David	Semeraro	Basketball	Unified Partner	Mukilteo
Leah	Shaffner	Staff	Staff	Seattle
Larry	Simpson	Volleyball	Athlete	Burlington
Hannah	Spaulding	Golf	Coach	Kent
Melissa	Sprague	Swimming	Athlete	Kenmore
Nolan	Springer	Flag Football	Unified Partner	Omak
Alysanne	Stack	Volleyball	Coach	Shoreline
Genia	Stewart	Competitive Cheer	Coach	Lakewood
Anna	Stults	Competitive Cheer	Athlete	Graham
William	Suastegui-Perez	Flag Football	Unified Partner	Seattle
Myron	Swimmer	Basketball	Athlete	Marysville
Courtney	Thom	Competitive Cheer	Athlete	Tenino
Bryant	Thomas	Basketball	Coach	Everett
Jordan	Tveter	Flag Football	Unified Partner	Tacoma
Grace	Van Well	Swimming	Athlete	Wenatchee
Justin	Villarreal	Soccer	Athlete	Port Orchard
Caitlin	Walker-Collins	Soccer	Coach	Port Orchard
Gregory	Weathers	Soccer	Head Coach	Port Orchard
Todd	Weathers	Soccer	Athlete	Port Orchard
Ryan	Wickens	Basketball	Athlete	Everett
Mackenzie	Wilkes	Competitive Cheer	Athlete	Shelton
Gable	Wilkins	Volleyball	Athlete	Mt. Vernon
Crystal	Womack	Bocce	Athlete	Poulsbo
Emily	Wright	Competitive Cheer	Unified Partner	Tacoma