



Global Messengers **Region 5**

San Diego County and Imperial County



Christina Principe

San Diego County

Christina, a Special Olympics Southern California athlete from San Diego, has been involved for 9 years as a swimmer and has also participated in Paralympics, Masters Swim, and Triathlons. She's completed 4 full and 10 half marathons, with running as her second passion. Christina was chosen to represent San Diego in the 2018 USA Games and became a Global Messenger in 2019, speaking at events about Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR). Her goal is to see Special Olympics continue to grow and thrive.



Daniel Kerchenfaut

San Diego County

Daniel has been a Special Olympics Southern California athlete since 2016, competing in Basketball, Bowling, Softball, Tennis, and Floor Hockey. A highlight for him was becoming a Global Messenger in 2019, and in 2023, he was honored to recite the Athlete Oath at the Spring Games. Daniel enjoys mentoring new athletes and serving as a role model for others.



Rob Repass
San Diego County

Robert has been a Special Olympics Southern California athlete for 14 years, competing in Basketball, Softball, Soccer, Bowling, and Gymnastics. He has participated in regional events in Washington, Virginia, and Southern California. As a Global Messenger since high school, Robert has represented Special Olympics at events such as Tip-a-Cop and corporate engagements. He played on Unified Sports teams in San Diego and is active in community college, working part-time at Snapdragon Stadium. Robert also volunteers at the Bonita Animal Shelter and has been involved in improv for six years. Recently, he starred in a film project that premiered at the San Diego International Film Festival in 2023.