



# Global Messengers **Region 1**

Santa Barbara County, San Luis Obispo County, Ventura County



**Jon Geisler**

**San Luis Obispo County**

Jon, a 45-year-old Global Messenger from Arroyo Grande, California, has been involved with Special Olympics since he was 14—over 32 years! He has played a wide variety of sports, including Soccer, Softball, Track and Field, Skiing, and more. He has been a Global Messenger since 2000, promoting inclusion and teaching people how Special Olympics makes a difference. One of his main goals is to help eliminate the “R” word and promote the term “intellectually disabled” to create more understanding and respect. Through public speaking, he shows people that athletes like him can achieve anything. He hopes that people will see athletes for who they are and recognize their abilities, not just their disabilities.



**Kristy Soriano**

**San Luis Obispo County**

Kristy is an active Special Olympics Southern California athlete and Global Messenger from Santa Maria, excelling in Bocce, Tennis, Bowling, and Swimming. Outside of sports, she is a leader in her community and attends Allan Hancock College, where she’s part of the College Corps program. Through this, she works at the local Food Bank, serving as Volunteer Lead, Ambassador Lead, and their only driver. Since 2021, Kristy’s dedication has earned her the Community Cares Award in July 2023, and she was featured on TV for her efforts.



**Logan Jones**  
**Ventura County**

Logan has been a Special Olympics Southern California athlete for ten years, excelling in Soccer, Softball, Flag Football, and Basketball. He's played both full athlete and unified sports, with his proudest achievement being four years on the LA Galaxy Unified Team (2016-2019). Logan was featured on SportsCenter's Top Ten and won LA Galaxy's Goal of the Year, even surpassing professional nominees. In 2019, he represented the West at the MLS All-Star Unified Game in Florida. A Global Messenger since 2016, Logan has delivered impactful speeches and now serves on multiple leadership committees. His passion is to expand and develop Unified Sports globally.