



Global Messengers **Region 4**

Orange County



Alex Martin
Orange County

Alex, a Special Olympics Southern California athlete for over 11 years, competes in Bocce, Volleyball, Floorball, and Golf. Since 2014, he has been a Global Messenger, speaking to groups like Microsoft, Kaiser Permanente, and Taco Bell. Alex has also served as an instructor for the Young Athletes Program and spoken at numerous Opening Ceremonies. In 2023, he earned the Richard L. Van Kirk Outstanding Outreach Achievement Award and was the top fundraiser for the Sheppard Mullin “Sheppard Pullin” Plane Pull team. Outside of Special Olympics, Alex works at Harvest Restaurant and runs a document shredding business.



Charlize Faure
Orange County

Charlize has been a Special Olympics Southern California athlete for 7 years, competing in Floorball, Basketball, and Flag Football, while also serving as a Global Messenger. Some of her favorite memories include attending overnight tournaments in Kern County with the Laguna Hills Hawks, competing in the Summer Games in Long Beach, and winning gold with her floorball team this season. At the 2024 Floorball Championship, she led the Athlete Oath and led stretches as part of the Healthy Lifestyle Challenge. Outside of Special Olympics, Charlize works as an Instructional Assistant at the Early Childhood Learning Center, where she has enjoyed working with 4-year-olds for nearly six years.



Debi Anderson
Orange County

Debi has been an athlete with Special Olympics for 26 years, gaining confidence and skills through competing in ten sports. Her motto, "Nothing Is Impossible," reflects her journey, supported by Special Olympics coaches. Since becoming a Global Messenger in 2010, Debi has delivered speeches across Southern California. She has served as chairperson of the Athlete Leadership Program, on the Southern California Special Olympics Board of Directors, and helped organize the 2015 World Games in Los Angeles. Outside of Special Olympics, Debi participates in an adult day program, acts in local plays, and is a member of the philanthropic sorority Beta Sigma Phi.



Greg Kozlowski
Orange County

Greg has been a Special Olympics Southern California athlete for 22 years, focusing on Golf, Bocce, and Bowling. A highlight was representing Team USA at the 2015 World Games in Los Angeles, followed by a trip to Shanghai in 2016 for a Guinness World Record attempt. Beyond sports, Greg is an ambassador for Special Olympics, particularly passionate about the Healthy Athletes Program, which helped save his life in 2017 during a medical emergency. A Global Messenger, Greg speaks about Special Olympics in the community, participating in events like Tip-A-Cop and jet pulls. He was named the 2019 Athlete of the Year for Orange County and volunteers at the Disabled Resources Center in Long Beach.



Rachel Osterbach
Orange County

Rachel has been a Special Olympics athlete for over 30 years, competing in a variety of sports including Gymnastics, Track and Field, and Bocce, earning over 100 medals. A Global Messenger, she has honed her public speaking skills through the Orange County Gavel Club and has been a keynote speaker at several Special Olympics events. Rachel gained widespread recognition as a cast member on the Emmy-winning docuseries "Born This Way" and appeared on Netflix's "Love on the Spectrum." Additionally, she has worked for 12 years on the clerical staff of an insurance company, showcasing her dedication and positivity.



Jenny Skinner
Orange County

Jenny, a 52-year-old Special Olympics athlete, has been involved in sports for 42 years, competing in Aquatics, Golf, Bocce, Equestrian, Skiing, Floor Hockey, Soccer, Softball, and Basketball. In 1995, she won two silver and one bronze medal at the Special Olympics World Games in Aquatics. Jenny has also competed in inclusive competitions, including Swimming for her high school team and the U.S. Paralympics team. As a Global Messenger, Leadership Committee member, and former Chapter Board member, she values the confidence and friendships Special Olympics has given her and aims to help new athletes develop skills and self-confidence.



Sydney Driscoll
Orange County

Sydney's inspiring athletic journey began at just 8 years old when she accidentally discovered Gymnastics through a generous coach who introduced her to the Special Olympics. Since then, she has competed in various sports, including Cheerleading, Horse Shows, Track and Field, Bowling, and Softball, while humorously claiming to be "retired" from Gymnastics and Cheerleading. Sydney values the camaraderie and social connections that come with being part of a team, which have boosted her confidence and coordination. As an advocate for Special Olympics, she has worked at the state capital, won medals, and created impactful YouTube videos, all while helping to change perceptions of individuals with disabilities. Outside of sports, she enjoys hiking, watching movies, and attending Broadway shows, with Beetlejuice the Musical being her 35th performance. Next on her list is Funny Girl, showcasing her passion for the arts and community!