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**SPECIAL OLYMPICS**  
**SASKATCHEWAN AWARDS**  
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**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AT OUR ANNUAL  
AWARDS CELEBRATION!**

Special Olympics Saskatchewan takes great pride in acknowledging some of our greatest athletes, volunteers, supporters, and sponsors. Without the dedication of these, and many other individuals, and organizations, we would not be able to provide our athletes with the opportunity to participate in sport training and competition, while making new friends and creating lifelong memories.



## AWARD CATEGORY: COACH OF THE YEAR



These awards are presented to Special Olympics Saskatchewan's most outstanding coaches. Nominated by athletes, volunteers, parents, and community members, award recipients are chosen based on their contributions to sports in coaching effectiveness, professional development, and leadership with Special Olympics.

### NOMINEES:

Megan Penno - Special Olympics Regina

Megan has strong leadership skills, and understands the importance of volunteer engagement. Megan is able to delegate and has the knowledge and enthusiasm to do an amazing job. She introduced competitive basketball to the community of Regina, which has continually grown alongside the skills level of the athletes.

Megan is a positive role model and always leads by example. She understands the differing skill levels of the athletes and works with each of them to achieve success. She consistently represents Special Olympics in a positive manner, working to ensure we are always inclusive, along with high performance, and growing programs.

Jo-Ann Paxman - Special Olympics Weyburn

Jo-Ann has been coaching for Special Olympics for 7 years now. Over the years, she has done many seemingly small yet incredibly meaningful tasks that transcended sport for her team. She also encourages coaches and volunteers to complete required and extra training so they are best equipped to help increase athlete capabilities in many aspects of life.

Jo-Ann is always striving to make the year leading up to and the week at nationals a positive experience for her athletes. At Nationals she started a trend where coaches personally taking athletes to the lounge and participate with them.

## AWARD CATEGORY: COACH OF THE YEAR



### Kim Folk - Special Olympics Regina

Kim is the current Head Coach of the Regina Wildcards and one of her main goals is to develop growth in both the individual athletes and the team. She takes every opportunity that comes along to improve her coaching and communication skills and implements them throughout the program year.

Kim will meet with athletes at the beginning of the season to set goals. She will meet with them throughout the season and allow the athlete to reflect on their performance and how it pertains to their goals. Kim has also been a mentor for athletes at leadership courses. She encourages respect of both teammates and opponents at each practice or game.

### Ryan Fredrickson - Special Olympics Saskatoon

Ryan is incredibly committed to the organization and the athletes. He takes time to create personal bonds with all the athletes within his program to ensure they are happy, and know he is always there to listen. Ryan is also dedicated to ensuring the athletes have a fulfilling experience.

Ryan spends time with each athlete providing feedback and support. He strives to balance support and independence with each of the athletes. Ryan takes a positive approach to every hurdle he encounters. He focuses on what can be done to make things better. He encourages all his athletes to be positive, to persevere, be to relentless and unwavering.

### Jackie Shutra - Special Olympics Saskatoon

Jackie is the Softball Coach for the Saskatoon Tigers. She is always professional and works hard to build a strong team of athletes.

Despite practices being held on Sundays, with Jackie's encouragement, her whole family would attend, help out, and play when needed. Jackie would also make sure to involve athletes' families and friends in some type of event.

AWARD CATEGORY:  
JUNIOR COACH/VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



This award is presented to Special Olympics Saskatchewan's most dedicated coach or volunteer under the age of 21. Nominated by coaches, athletes, volunteers, and community members, award recipients are chosen based on their contribution to sports, coaching effectiveness, development, and leadership.

NOMINEE:

Mackenzie Moore - Regina

Mackenzie knows and appreciates the value of coach education and advocating for others to continue to grow. She encourages friends and peers to become a part of Special Olympics as athletes and volunteers. Mackenzie also strives to meet all coaching requirements as quickly as she can.

Mackenzie sets an excellent example and leads by it. She has positive relationships with every athlete that transcends the playing surface. She is always there to encourage athletes, to take advantage of every opportunity, and congratulates them when they reach a life goal.

**LET ME WIN.  
BUT IF I CANNOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE  
IN THE ATTEMPT.  
-SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE'S OATH**

AWARD CATEGORY:  
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



This award goes to a Special Olympics volunteer who has made a significant contribution to Special Olympics within their community or district, not necessarily in a sporting context.

NOMINEES:

Brian Reifferscheid - Humboldt

Brian volunteered 3 times a week for over a year preparing the Floor Hockey team for Youth World Games in Toronto and 2020 Canadian National Games in Thunder Bay. He has also helped to arrange mentors of 16 athletes in preparing for Athlete Leadership Program courses.

Brian is a community leader for Special Olympics Humboldt. He works hours to ensure that programs run smoothly. Athletes look up to him as a coach, mentor, and a father figure. Brian's hours of dedication to the Floor Hockey program has shown with the improvement of the players in their skills and sportsmanship.

Madasan Yates - Saskatoon

Madasan, with a smile, brings considerable knowledge, understanding, and passion. She meets and exceeds expectations with professional conduct, while consistently establishing herself as a reliable resources to the organization.

Madasan has dedicated herself to Special Olympics in many capacities. She has proven to be a dynamic thinker while also showing conduct and integrity while in her role on the Community Executive. She has joined the Intermediate Gold Program where she has again proven to make a positive impact on many of the athletes.

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AWARD CATEGORY:  
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Megan Penno - Regina

Megan currently sits on the Board for Special Olympics Regina, where she started and now coaches the competitive basketball program. The basketball program has continually grown along with the skills of the athletes. She is always involved in the marketing and fundraising committee on the Regina Board and has volunteered as Committee Chair for 2 Winter games.

Megan is a positive role model and always leads by example. She knows what sportsmanship is all about and is always willing to share her knowledge of sport, skill and techniques with the athletes, coaches and other volunteers. She consistently represents Special Olympics in a positive manner, ensuring inclusivity, along with high performance from the athletes.

Akeela Jundt - Saskatoon

Akeela has been volunteering as a swim coach with Special Olympics Saskatoon for the last 5 years. In these 5 years, she has shown excellent organization skills, been very professional, punctual and has done a great job working with the athletes. Akeela has been amazing at communicating with families and caregivers of the athletes when it was necessary.

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## AWARD CATEGORY: TEAM OF THE YEAR



This award is presented to the Special Olympics Saskatchewan sports team that was most successful in working together to reach the team's athletic goals. All athletes on the team did their personal best, demonstrated true sportsmanship, and exemplified the true spirit of Special Olympics.

### **NOMINEES:**

Humboldt Broncos Floor Hockey Team - 2020 Team Saskatchewan Floor Hockey Team

The Humboldt Broncos Floor Hockey Team consists of Jocelyn Her, Jessica Her, Shae Bendel, Morris Matieshen, Edward Schreiner, Matt Sauve, Gary McKay, Angelica Finney, Chance Miller, Ryan Michel, Dwayne Anderson, Justin McCord, Greg Fogen, Bernard Bussiere, Melissa Hinz and Murray Renz. The coaches of the team are Lawrence Weber, Brian Reifferscheid and Darren Whitehead. This team celebrated success at the 2020 Special Olympics Canada National Winter Games, where they won a Bronze Medal.

With a huge presence in the community, have strong relationships with the local hockey team, police force, and radio station. Most of the athletes on the team also participate in swimming, soccer, bocce and bowling together. They see each other more than 3 times a week.

With their love of Floor Hockey, they have built a great friendships and their sportsmanship was recognized when playing at nationals. Everyone is welcome and included. They handle defeat with dignity and honor, and would never disrespect their opponents. The team is always supportive of one another, and especially supported each other through the Humboldt Broncos bus crash, as many had friends and family on the bus.



## AWARD CATEGORY: TEAM OF THE YEAR



### **NOMINEES:**

Regina Vipers Floor Hockey Team

The Regina Vipers Floor Hockey Team consists of Bradyn Giraudier, Kyle Giraudier, Brayden McNiell, Jeff Wiebe, Tyler Haddad, Travis Reader, Pawan Dhaliwal, Zane Lauritsen, Dustin Oleskiw, Paul Lundlie, David Sanguais, Kyrren Dean, and Wesley Belanger. The coaches of the team are Ryan Unruh, Sheldon Dean, and Ben Rayner. The core of the team has been together for 5 years now and went to the last World Winter Games where they medaled.

Playing within an organized system that has defined player roles, this team plays with enthusiasm and a competitive drive. Win or lose the coaches encourage sportsmanship towards teammates, opposing players, and officials during and after games.

This team is a high performance competitive team with athletes and coaches with strong sport backgrounds. They train regularly and set team goals with the purpose of continuous improvement. They make sure to stay active in the community as well. Many of the team members attend and promote Special Olympics Saskatchewan and Regina fundraisers such as the Truck Convoy, Staples fundraising campaign, bingo and one team member sits on the Community Executive Committee.

## AWARD CATEGORY: ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



These awards are presented to Special Olympics Saskatchewan athletes who have demonstrated significant personal and athletic growth, and who best demonstrates the qualities of the Special Olympics Athlete's Oath.

### NOMINEES:

Artel Lenuik - Swift Current

Artel has been a Special Olympics athlete for 17 years and has competed in Bowling, Swimming, Bocce, Floor Hockey, and Softball. She was apart of the Team Saskatchewan 5 pin bowling mixed team at the 2020 National Games in Thunder Bay. Artel is very quiet but has an amazing smile and her laugh is infectious. She likes to observe everything including her surroundings and teammates. When volunteers engage with her, she is very willing to try the activity and quicker to join in when there is music playing

Greg Donaldson - Saskatoon

Greg is always looking to improve as an athlete. He currently competes in Bocce, Snowshoeing and Cross Country Skiing. He is always setting specific goals for his training. Greg is working towards to progress as a distance runner. He used to walk the majority of the 800m race, but through his training, he can now run the entire race.

Greg represented Team Saskatchewan at the 2020 National Winter games where he competed as a snowshoer in 200m, 400m and 800m. He brought home a trifecta of medals, a gold, silver and bronze. Leading up to the Games, he took responsibility for his training. He was his main contact, and would reach out to coaches himself if he had a conflict with practices.

Greg has proven to be brave throughout his training. Many times throughout the week he would have back to back practices, but he would show up and give all the effort he could at each practice. Other athletes would be amazed at the effort he could still give after hearing all he had done that day. His attitude toward training encourages other athletes to train harder and be the best they can be.

## AWARD CATEGORY: ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



Jaiden Wilson - Estevan

Only being a Special Olympics athlete for a year and a half, Jaiden has shown great strides in his skills and abilities. Jaiden came to Special Olympics after not being in an organized sport. He tried his best at every activity in FUNdamentals and his gross motor skills have greatly improved. Jaiden can throw better, catch better and run better.

Before starting Special Olympics, Jaiden was not going to start elementary school. Throughout the last year, his social skills have improved incredibly. He is learning to play with other and interact with coaches. He started out a little bit hesitant, but not he can't hardly wait to get through the door to class. He tries everything asked of him and does it happily.

Jaiden always includes others, offers encouragement, and tries his best to help them out. He helps his coaches and comes to class with a positive attitude and a bright smile on his face.

Jonathon Mudryk- Saskatoon

Jonathon always brings his smile and good nature to the practice or game. His attitude towards his opponents, peers, and coaches is beyond what's expected. Jonathon is very competitive and wants to win, but more importantly wants to enhance his abilities and constantly encourages his teammates to better themselves as well.

Currently, Jonathon participates in Softball, Basketball and Floor Hockey. His pitching, defense and batting ability have far exceeded his norms in Softball and he continues to strive to be better every time on the field.

Jonathon is the teammate that will give a 'pat on the back' when he feels they are needing some extra support. You will hear him say "next time will be better", when something doesn't go their way. His constant positive attitude is one of Jonathon's best qualities.

## AWARD CATEGORY: ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



Josh Bailey - Regina

Josh recently represented Saskatchewan at the 2020 National Games in Thunder Bay with the Mixed Bowling team. Once he was chosen for the team, he was determined to enhance his skills. Josh set 3 goals for Himself; to make healthy choices, to work on the tips given to by his coaches and to do his best at competitions. He succeed in all 3 goals, which helped him to win a silver medal.

Josh has a very good mindset. When he determines his goal and path, he is determined to succeed. His most outstanding feature is his smile and cheerfulness he brings with whatever he does.

When Josh goes to compete, he ensures that he is following all proper etiquette of that sport. He shares that knowledge with his teammates and always offers the opportunity to go first. Josh is a leader every time he steps on the alley to compete. He walks the walk, and everyone appreciates the respect he has for the game, himself and those he is bowling with.

Tyler Servant - Swift Current

Tyler likes and wants a challenge in whatever he does. He will participate in any event coaches ask him to, and most importantly, likes to have fun while doing it. Tyler shows dedication in whatever program he joins. You can see his confidence grow in his abilities, which now allows him to share that with others.

Tyler cheers for other athletes, teammates and has tons of fun with coaches. He even has great connections with coaches from other provinces. Tyler will take time to get to know the major officials at swim meets that he attends and is always very respectful.

Tyler has taken on the lead role of the dry land program for the swimmers in his community. He is also the athlete representative for the Sport Advisory Committee and has helped with reviewing policies. Tyler is always early and ready to practice, and comes with a positive attitude, which sets a great example for others.

## AWARD CATEGORY: SHINING STAR AWARD



This award is presented to a Special Olympics Saskatchewan athlete who has best exemplified the spirit of Special Olympics over the past year through their displays of sportsmanship, striving spirit, continuous effort, positive attitude, and courtesy to their fellow athletes.

### NOMINEES:

Jason Urbano - Regina

Jason always demonstrates what Special Olympics is all about. He loves to compete and participate in programs, mostly because he enjoys the camaraderie he has with fellow athletes.

Jason has grown more confident with working with coaches. He responds to coaches and tries to put what he is taught into practice. He becoming more and more independent.

Rahimay Preiebe - Swift Current

This was Rahimay's first year with Special Olympics and she was very excited to start in both the swimming and basketball programs. She had a 100% attendance in both programs and always came with a positive attitude, ready to compete and encouraged her teammates.

Rahimay blossomed this season with independence, taking responsibility for her training, and was always willing to swim in new and challenging events. Her confidence grew from being shy to loving to laugh and challenge anyone to a race in the pool or shooting on the court. Rahimay was always driven to work hard and learn new skills to become a better athlete.

Travion Aupperle - Dalmeny

Travion always has a positive attitude, and is encouraging his teammates. He gives 100% during practices and games, and will never complain. Travion is the first person to volunteer to help demonstrate a drill that any of the coaches need.

Not only is he a skilled soccer player, but he is always eager to practice new skills. He exemplifies good sportsmanship and is a strong leader on and off the soccer pitch.

## AWARD CATEGORY: ATHLETE LIFETIME DEDICATION AWARD



This award is presented to a long-standing athlete who has best exemplified the spirit, philosophy and goals of Special Olympic Saskatchewan and the Special Olympics movement over the course of their career.

### NOMINEES:

Amee Harrison - Saskatoon

Amee has been a Special Olympics athlete for 26 years. She has participated in athletics, bocce, and equestrian. Over the years, coaches have mentioned over and over that Amee is great to have participate in meets because she is so independent. Amee is always setting goals when participating in athletics. She works hard at practices and takes her coaches training to heart so she can do her personal best.

Amee loves being an ambassador for Special Olympics. She always wants to let people know how important the organization is and how both athletes and spectators can benefit and enjoy their time.

Robbie Bomboir - Regina

Robbie has been a Special Olympics athlete for over 40 years and has participated in countless sports throughout his time. Regardless of the sport, and whether his team is winning or losing, Robbie's enthusiasm for the sport is always evident, and is demonstrated by a huge smile. In addition to a lengthy sports career, Robbie is also a tremendous volunteer for Special Olympics Saskatchewan and Special Olympics Regina.

Robbie takes every practice very seriously and will listen attentively to any advice offered by the coaches. He always tries to raise team spirits, and is quick to congratulate the opposition at the conclusion of the event. Robbie is a self-appointed Special Olympics ambassador in his life outside of sports. He continuously tries to raise awareness of persons with intellectual disabilities through his numerous contacts in the business and retail communities in Regina.

## AWARD CATEGORY: UNSUNG HERO AWARDS



This award is presented to a volunteer who works 'behind the scenes', consistently going above and beyond the all of duty to ensure the smooth operations of their program and the enjoyment of all athletes.

### NOMINEES:

Barb Fredrickson - Saskatoon

Barb has made significant and impactful contributions to the soccer program, fundraising committee and the general promotion of the Special Olympics organization. Barb single handedly organized and promoted the first annual Bingo event for Special Olympics Saskatoon. She embodies the perfect leader for the Saskatoon community. She is always professional, uplifting, collaborative and intelligent.

Barb supports and encourages athletes not only on the playing field, but socially as well. She is dedicated to supporting the physical and mental development of athletes she works with, but also encourages them to engage in activities within the organization beyond their sport.

Shauna Baron - Regina

Shauna is one of those volunteers who continually contributes at different levels. She is the secretary on the Special Olympics Regina Board and now on the COVID-19 recovery committee. She is a verified 5 and 10 pin bowling coach and helps to run those programs. She also a coach in bocce, a timer at swim meets, volunteers within the athletics program, and a volunteer fitness coach.

Shauna takes time to work through, encourage, and ensure that there is the needed support within the Regina programs. She also ensures all athletes are ready for the program, takes the opportunity to coach in sport, and in real life skills, behavior and exercise. Overall, she is a great support person and approachable for all athletes.

AWARD CATEGORY:  
COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARD



This award is selected by the Special Olympics Saskatchewan Provincial Office and is awarded to a community that puts forth a genuine effort to have high-level and quality programming at the community level, as well as with provincial initiatives and fundraisers.

AWARD CATEGORY:  
BOB PEDDE MEMORIAL AWARD



This award, named after the late Bob Pedde, a long-time volunteer, is awarded to an individual or group who has shown outstanding dedication and contribution to Special Olympics Saskatchewan. "In memory of Bob Pedde whose dedication to the Special Olympics movement was legendary."



AWARD CATEGORY:  
PRESIDENT'S CITATION AWARD

This award is presented to an individual, corporation, group, or organization who has made an extraordinary contribution to Special Olympics Saskatchewan.

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AWARD CATEGORY:  
HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



This award is presented to a long time members of Special Olympics Saskatchewan who have made extraordinary contributions to our organization.



AWARD CATEGORY:  
LETR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

This award recognizes the achievements of a Saskatchewan LETR volunteer that has exemplifies the true meaning of the LETR mission in spirit, dedication and enthusiasm.



AWARD CATEGORY:  
UNIFIED SPOTLIGHT AWARD

Each year, Special Olympics Saskatchewan chooses one of Saskatchewan's Unified schools to showcase their school's involvement with Unified Sports and to present the 'state of inclusion' in the province of Saskatchewan.



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# YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION



## 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Candice Sandeski

Lindsey Bruce

Terrence Zimmerman

Akeela Jundt

Mark Balkwill

Ashley Benko

Sherry Boyle

Phyllis Madigan

Gwendolyn Stoeber

Kyla Murch

Sarah Litterick-Laroque

Vern Eder

Tanya Murphy

Lynda Lemay

Raeanna Davis

Evan Ginther

Janet Phillips

Carl Kruger

Joshua Sanden

Tine Haluke

Tammy Robinson

Pamilla Schmuck

Curt Keil

Lindsay Randall

Gerry Kondra

Jocelyn Souliere

Kelly Haydukewich

Tanner Zimmerman

Gloria Martens

Brian Lemay

Brian Kjelshus

Wilhelmus Quist

Quinton Cugnet



## YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION



### 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Karen Trithart

Shauna Baron

Tilda Faye

Luba Markwart

Zachary Markwart

Shauna Hammer

Michelle Archer

Frances Stang

Ila Andrew

Bev Lemieux

Leslie McLoed

Dan Heffernan

Lise Nunweiler

Bree Phillips



### 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Carnie Carr

Alan Exley

Brian Reifferscheid

Joel Sanden

Ruth Exley

Stanley Peters

## YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION



### 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Eva Neufeld

Dave Hume

Derrick Palmer

Leona Kon

Pat Safroniuk

Richard Sanden

Roxeen McBain

Karin Bates



### 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Jacqueline Powell

Ken Snell

Marilyn Gilroy

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