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Brice Cleary
Age:
24
Hometown:
Mansfield



ACCOMPLISHMENT: Competed at the 2007 World Summer Games in China, where his volleyball team earned fifth place.



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Sarah Hunter
Age:
22
Hometown:
Carrollton



ASPIRATION: Focusing her seven years of commitment and training in the pool to bring home a gold medal.



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Chan Graves
Age:
25
Hometown:
Arlington



SOTX HISTORY: Has been a SOTX athlete for 10 years and competes in aquatics, basketball, bocce, volleyball and soccer.



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Daniel Hettinger
Age:
24
Hometown:
Heath



MOTIVATION: SOTX keeps him physically fit, helps him learn the rules of sports and teaches him good sportsmanship. Describes his life as more interesting, fulfilling and enjoyable.



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David McLean
Age:
23
Hometown:
Silsbee



FAVORITE ROLE: Not just an athlete, he is an athlete coach for bowling.



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Margaret "Meg" Norman
Age:
27
Hometown:
Houston




ASPIRATION: Says competing in National Games is a dream come true!

Ashley Billard
Age:
24
Hometown:
Houston




MEDAL COUNT: Two gold medals for the 25 meter backstroke and the 100 meter freestyle and a silver medal in the 4x100 meter freestyle relay at the 2007 World Summer Games in China.

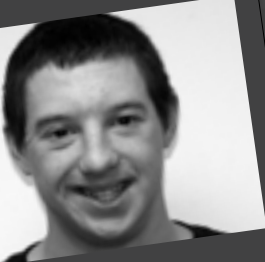


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Brennan O'Donnell
Age: **17**
Hometown: Round Rock




OFF THE FIELD: He's in the ROTC color guard, serves as a cheer escort for McNeil High School cheerleaders and is a letter jacket recipient.




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Andrew Simpson
Age: **53**
Hometown: Houston



PROUDEST MOMENT: Took his soccer skills all the way to Ireland for the 2003 World Summer Games.



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Jessica Tunnell
Age: **25**
Hometown: San Antonio



ACCOMPLISHMENT: Swam the 100 meter backstroke in under a minute; was on her high school swim team and earned a letter jacket.



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COACH 

Gayla Altman




Hometown: North Richland Hills

OFF THE FIELD: Accountant at Access Plains
MOTIVATION: Says Special Olympics has taught her that anyone can participate in sports at some level and that with encouragement, they can be recognized as an athlete.




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COACH 

Jon Godby




Hometown: Houston

OFF THE FIELD: Volunteers as an instructor for the American Red Cross and with Habitat for Humanity.
MOTIVATION: Looks forward to collaborating with other coaches on the national level.



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COACH 

Rebecca "Becky" Neff



Hometown: Universal City

OFF THE FIELD: Enjoys traveling to the coast, fishing and swimming.
MOTIVATION: Says Special Olympics helps her overcome daily challenges and opened her heart to individuals with intellectual disabilities.

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David Fenner
Age:
28
Hometown:
Katy



HOBBIES: Burns up the pavement and stays active by running 5Ks.



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Billy Harris
Age:
28
Hometown:
Fredericksburg



ACCOMPLISHMENT: Became an Eagle Scout after years of dedication and hard work.



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Meagan Flynn
Age:
24
Hometown:
Austin



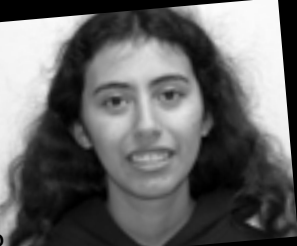
MEDAL COUNT: Earned fourth place in the 100 meter run, a silver medal in the 4x100 meter relay and a bronze medal in shot put at the inaugural National Games in 2006.



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Aimee-Rhae Galindo
Age:
21
Hometown:
San Antonio



SOTX HISTORY: Involved for more than 10 years, she competes in athletics, basketball, bowling, bocce and softball.



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Morgan Collins
Age:
18
Hometown:
Austin



MOTTO: Trying your best is the most important thing, so always give 100 percent!



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Paul Holland
Age:
37
Hometown:
Shady Shores



OFF THE FIELD: Works at Blockbuster Video, where he has been an employee for more than 15 years and has been named Employee of the Month.



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Kristen Medley
Age:
28
Hometown:
San Antonio



PROUDEST MOMENT: Named the 2009 Athlete of the Year for the San Antonio area and the state.



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Michael Motter

Age:

17

Hometown:
Houston



HOBBIES: Enjoys riding his favorite horse, Jenkins, and takes classes at Garden Oaks Home School Co-op.



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Taylor Phillips

Age:

18

Hometown:
Round Rock



SOTX IMPACT: Competing has given her self confidence and allowed her to be a part of something that gives her much pride.



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Rhonda Call

Hometown:
Trenton



OFF THE FIELD: Works as a teacher for Trenton I.S.D.

MOTIVATION: Seeing the smiles on the athletes' faces at National Games.



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Don Wolf

Hometown:
Katy



GAMES HIGHLIGHT: Born in Nebraska, he looks forward to competing on his home turf.

MOTIVATION: Says the organization helps boost his self confidence, allows him to be a leader and inspires him to give more of himself.



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Nathan Purcell

Age:

17

Hometown:
Trenton



SOTX IMPACT: Has excelled in school and gained self confidence - involved in the Beta Club, earned top grades in Spanish I and science, and served as the junior varsity/varsity basketball manager.



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Jonathan Richards

Age:

26

Hometown:
Fort Worth



MEDAL COUNT: Has won five gold medals in area competitions, as well as two silver medals and one bronze medal in state competitions.



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Melvyn Fenner

Hometown:
Katy



ACCOLADES: Has coached over 30 soccer teams and won the Cinco de Mayo State Tournament in San Antonio two times in three years.

MOTIVATION: Loves getting high fives and seeing big smiles on the faces of the athletes.

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Earl Bell
Age:

29

Hometown:
San Antonio



GAMES HIGHLIGHT: Attended the 2007 World Summer Games in China, earning fifth place in singles bowling, fifth place in doubles bowling and sixth place in team bowling.



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BASKETBALL

Craig Buscemi
Age:

26

Hometown:
Live Oak



SOTX HISTORY: Has been involved with Special Olympics Texas for eight years and competes in basketball, bowling and softball.



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BASKETBALL

Cody Gustafson
Age:

25

Hometown:
Austin



OFF THE FIELD: Works as a landscaper at Marbridge and has a yellow belt in karate.



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Joe Hardeman
Age:

36

Hometown:
Universal City



PROUDEST MOMENT: Named the San Antonio Area Athlete of the Year in 2009.



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Dante Lewis
Age:

19

Hometown:
San Antonio



HOBBIES: Enjoys reading, playing video games and listening to music.



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Consa "Chuck" Newman
Age:

45

Hometown:
Converse

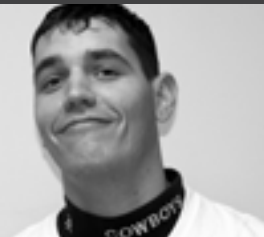


ASPIRATION: Earned a bronze medal at the 2006 National Games and hopes to add another medal to his collection.


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David "D.J." Nicholson
Age: **25**
Hometown: San Antonio




MEDAL COUNT: Proud of his bronze medal won at the 2006 National Games in softball.

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Mark Rapolla
Age: **22**
Hometown: Helotes



ACCOMPLISHMENT: Proud to have four years of athlete experience under his belt and live independently at a group home.

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COACH

Paul Gustafson



Hometown: San Antonio

OFF THE FIELD: President of Ace Mart Restaurant Supply.
MOTIVATION: Says coaching helps him to understand and appreciate the athletes' different abilities.

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COACH

Shirley Johnson




Hometown: San Antonio

SOTX HISTORY: Involved with SOTX since its inception 41 years ago.
MOTIVATION: Enjoys coaching to help people with intellectual disabilities show the world they can do more than anyone believed.


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Matthew Rapolla
Age: **22**
Hometown: Helotes




OFF THE FIELD: Works at Helotes Lube 'n Tube and uses the bus system to get around town.


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BASKETBALL

Ruben Young
Age: **47**
Hometown: San Antonio




SOTX HISTORY: Been a part of the movement since 1974 and competed in the first National Games, earning a bronze medal in softball.

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COACH

James Yantis



Hometown: San Antonio Area

ACCOLADES: Named San Antonio Area Volunteer of the Year in 2009.
MOTIVATION: Says, "Joy is witnessing someone else's success through your coaching and their efforts to improve."

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