

Inspiring the first unified generation.

Special
Olympics
Virginia



Global Messenger

Joey Wheeler

Years Involved with Special Olympics: 3

Hometown: Lorton, Virginia

Sports: Bocce, Basketball, Track, Cycling, Soccer, Floor Hockey, Cross Country Skiing, Bowling, Golf

Educational History:

West Springfield HS Graduate, Class of 2009

Pulley Career Center, Class of 2012

Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center, Class of 2013

Employment History:

Comfort Inn, breakfast attendant: 9/14—present

Greenspring Retirement Home, dining services: 5/07—9/14

Career goal: "I want to continue to work in customer service."

People Admired: Parents and Father Gould

Why is it important to build a more unified generation?

"Participating on the high school crew team and having my dad as a partner in unified cycling events challenges me and lets me know people believe in me as a person. Unified teammates help each other be better and foster respect for one another."



"I know how important it is to feel like I belong and in Special Olympics I know I belong."

*Joey Wheeler
Global Messenger*



*Jill Wheeler,
Mentor*

Global Messengers are Special Olympics Virginia athletes who help spread the message and vision of the movement as well as the benefits gained by participation in Special Olympics. Global Messengers deliver a powerful message of respect, inclusion, unity and attitudinal change. For more information regarding the Special Olympics Virginia Global Messenger program please contact David Pawlowski at 804-726-3034 or dpawlowski@specialolympicsva.org.