

Inspiring the first unified generation.

Special  
Olympics  
Virginia



## Global Messenger

# Roger Johnson

**Years Involved with Special Olympics:** 25 years

**Hometown:** Lynchburg

**Sports:** Golf, Basketball, Bowling, Swimming, Softball, Tennis and Track & Field

**Employment:** Panera Bread

**Career Goals:** "I would love to work for Special Olympics one day. That would be my dream job!"

**People Admired:** "Eunice Kennedy Shriver for everything that she did to help people like us to be the best we can be."

### **Why is it important to build a more unified generation?**

"By building a more unified generation, we bring everyone from every walk of life together to be of one accord. I play unified by playing golf with my friends outside of Special Olympics."



*"We are no different than anyone else. We put our pants on one leg at a time."*

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*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](mailto:dpawlowski@specialolympicsva.org).*