

# Athlete Leadership Celebration of Achievement

*Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>*

*10:00 AM-12:00 PM*

***Special Olympics***  
*Pennsylvania*



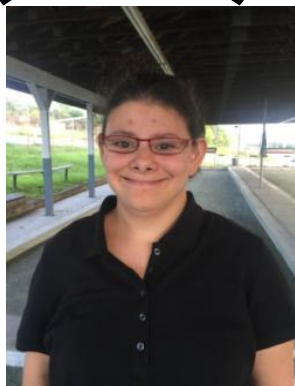
# Regional Input Council



- **Nina Kaneriya, Northeast:** Area P, Monroe, Carbon, Luzerne, Columbia/Montour, Union, Northumberland/Snyder, Carbon, Northampton and Bethlehem.
- **Lisa Barbour, Southeast:** Schuylkill, Lehigh, Bucks, Berks, Montgomery, Delaware, Chester, Lebanon, Lancaster and Philadelphia.
- **Roger Turner, North Central:** Bradford/Sullivan, Tioga, Lycoming, Centre, Clinton, Clearfield, Cambria and Potter.
- **Michael Stephens, South Central:** Blair, York, Adams, Area M, Bedford, Mifflin/Juniata, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Somerset and Cambria.
- **Mary Nigro, Northwest:** Mercer, Erie, Crawford, Warren, Elk/Cameron, Dubois/Jefferson, Venango/Forest and McKean.
- **Zachary Williams, Southwest:** Fayette, Greene, Washington, Armstrong/Indiana, Washington, Beaver, Westmoreland, Allegheny, Lawrence and Butler.

# Regional Input Council (RIC) Continued...

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# Special Olympics Pennsylvania Athlete Leadership Accomplishments 2015-2017



- **Unified Sports Advisory Committee.**
  - Develop best practices and devise a plan to educate others on Unified Sports.
- Improved education on selection process for National and World Games.
- Warren County Athlete Leadership Team recognized within the community.
- Information posted to Special Olympics Pennsylvania website/Athlete Leadership Facebook group and online drawing.

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- Health and Fitness Coordinator, Brittany Thayer from Bethlehem City, selected to participate in Special Olympics Health Messenger training.
- **Social Media Advisory Committee.**
  - Provide recommendations and advice related to the current and future state of Special Olympics Pennsylvania's social media strategy.
- Athlete Input Surveys conducted at each State Competition since 2015 Summer Games.
- Athlete Representatives on Games Organizing Committees at State Competitions since 2015 Summer Games.

# Breakout Groups

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- **Northeast (Nina, Front Left Corner):** Area P, Monroe, Carbon, Luzerne, Columbia/Montour, Union, Northumberland/Snyder, Carbon, Northampton and Bethlehem.
- **Southeast (Lisa, Front Right Corner):** Schuylkill, Lehigh, Bucks, Berks, Montgomery, Delaware, Chester, Lebanon, Lancaster and Philadelphia.
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# Group 1: Nina



- **Question #1:** How can Special Olympics Pennsylvania encourage more athletes to attend Healthy Athletes and Athlete Input Councils at State Competitions?
  
- **Question #2:** What are some adult activities Special Olympics Pennsylvania can add to Olympic Town State and Sectional Competitions?

# Group 2: Lisa



- **Question 1:** What are some minors (sub courses) Special Olympics Pennsylvania can add to the Athlete Leadership University curriculum?
- **Question 2:** What are some strategies to help current and future Athlete Leaders obtain an appropriate and committed Mentor?



# Group 3: Mike Stephens and Roger



- **Question 1:** What can Special Olympics do to help athletes gain employment?
  
- **Question 2:** What are some qualifications for Special Olympics Pennsylvania consider for National and International Athlete Leadership Opportunities?

# Group 4: Zach and Mary

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- **Question 1:** How can Local Programs share sports training schedules with other Local Programs so athletes know where they can go to participate in a sport not offered in their own county?
- **Question 2:** How can Special Olympics Pennsylvania help maximize the external impact of competition at the Local Level?

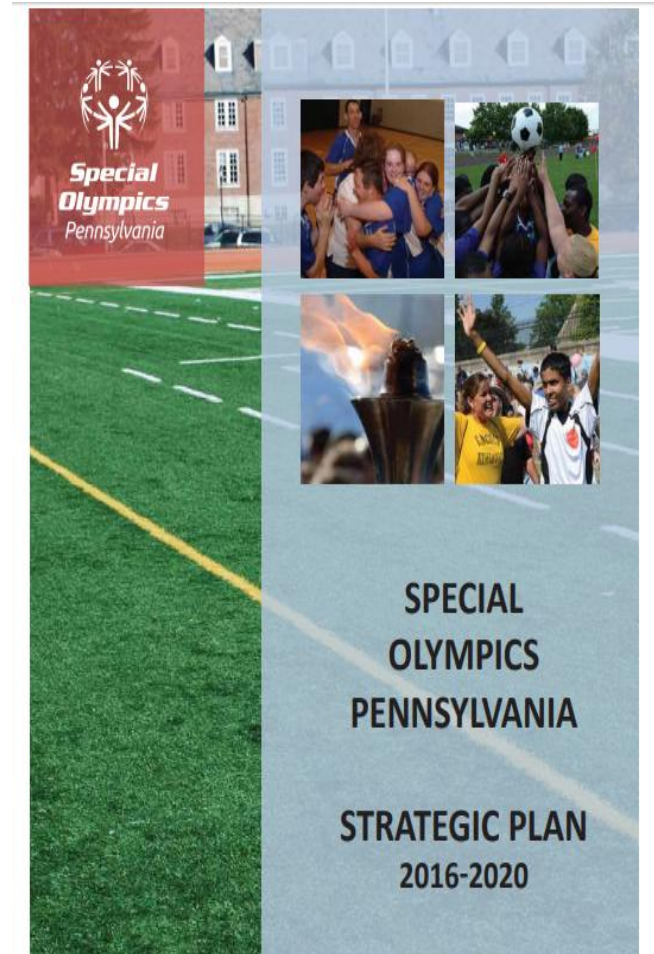
# Special Olympics Pennsylvania Strategic Plan:



## ➤ Current Strategic Plan: 2016-2020

### ➤ Three Goals:

- Improve athlete performance to achieve personal bests.
- Improving attitudes towards people with intellectual disabilities.
- Building capacity and strengthening leadership.



# 2016 Athlete Congress Timeline:

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- **September, 2015:** Potential Goals and Action Steps are created for the Athlete Congress Priority.
- **May, 2016:** Athlete Congress Priority Survey begins.
- **July, 2016:** Increase Athlete Participation at Competition is named Priority.
- **September, 2016:** Athlete Representatives vote on Goals and action Steps for the Priority.
- **August, 2017:** Priority is re-structured to align with Strategic Plan.

# 2016 Athlete Congress Priority:

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**INCREASE  
ATHLETE  
PARTICIPATION  
AT  
COMPETITION**



# Athlete Congress Priority Goal 1:



**“INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ATHLETES BY ADDING  
COMPETITIONS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL AND ALLOCATIONS  
AT THE STATE LEVEL.”**

## **Strategic Plan References:**

- Recruitment and retention of athletes.
- Unified Sports to offer additional competition opportunities.

# Athlete Congress Priority Goal 2:



**“CREATE AT LEAST THREE INVITATIONALS SUPPORTED BY  
THE STATE IN AT LEAST ONE SPORT.”**

## **Strategic Plan References:**

- By the end of 2020, at least 500 new coaches are recruited with at least half of them being certified.