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SPECIAL OLYMPICS PENNSYLVANIA HONORS ALLEGHENY COUNTY ATHLETE FOR MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

(Norristown, PA, September 22, 2020) – Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) recently honored James Alexander, an Allegheny County Local Program athlete, during its Virtual Leadership Awards on Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

Each year, this award is presented to the Male Special Olympics Athlete who in the previous program year demonstrated outstanding commitment to the principles of Special Olympics sports training and competition, and who enhanced his athletic potential through consistent training and determination in competition.

Alexander currently participates in five SOPA sports, including basketball, bowling, soccer, softball and volleyball. While most athletes take a break from training, he trains year round for all of his sports and is dedicated to keeping himself in shape.

Alexander is always looking for a new challenge to take on. Anytime there is a new SOPA– Allegheny County program event or challenge announced, he is the first to jump at the opportunity to try it out or participate. He was also the first to volunteer for his program’s new Unified Volleyball program.

In the words of his Program Management Team, “James Alexander is very dedicated to his teammates. He is always willing to help his teammates succeed and improve. He always has an encouraging word for someone even if they’re on the opposing team.”

About The SOPA Leadership Awards

SOPA Leadership Award recipients were chosen by a statewide panel of business and community leaders representing both the private and nonprofit sectors. Nominations come from local Special Olympics programs throughout Pennsylvania. The event is part of a yearly Leadership Conference designed to provide ongoing training and recognition for Special Olympics athletes and volunteers.

About Special Olympics Pennsylvania

Special Olympics Pennsylvania provides year-round training and competition to nearly 20,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities in a variety of Olympic-type sports, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community. For more information on how the movement inspires greatness, visit our web site at

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