



## **SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY HOSTS SPECIAL OLYMPICS PENNSYLVANIA'S 2018 CENTRAL SPRING SECTIONAL**

*OVER 600 ATHLETES, COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS WILL COMPETE IN 5 SPORTS THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>*

**What:** More than 290 athletes, 120 coaches, families, and friends representing Central Pennsylvania will participate in Special Olympics Pennsylvania's Central Spring Sectional this weekend. During the course of the event, athletes will compete in aquatics, athletics, basketball, golf, and tennis. Weeks of hard work and dedication in training will be rewarded as athletes are cheered on and supported during competition by more than 100 enthusiastic volunteers. This event requires volunteers from the central part of the state to serve as officials, athlete escorts, award presenters, and in various other ways. Spectators are welcome to visit any of the competition venues and cheer on the athletes as "fans in the stands."

**When/Where:** Sunday, April 29, 2018,  
Saint Francis University – 117 Evergreen Drive, Loretto, PA 15940

### **SCHEDULE:**

**9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies** - DeGol Arena

*Guests slated to attend include:*

- Emcee: David Wilson-St. Francis University Counselor
- Athlete Co-Emcee: Mike Stephens –Blair County
- Eric Cushing - Special Olympics Pennsylvania VP of Marketing and Development
- National Anthem performance by the St. Francis Acapella Group

**11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Olympic Village** - Twyman Room and Court

Olympic Village will offer athletes a variety of fun activities to keep them busy in between competitions.

Numerous Saint Francis student clubs will set up booths and craft tables, and area businesses will participate.

**9:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Competitions** (Various locations)

- **Aquatics** – Maurice Stokes Pool
- **Athletics** – Central Cambria HS
- **Basketball 5V5** – DeGol Arena - Court 3 & 4
- **Basketball 3V3** – DeGol Arena - Court 1
- **Basketball Individual Skills** – DeGol Arena - Court 2
- **Golf** - Immergrün Golf Club
- **Tennis** – Ebensburg Tennis Center

**12:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Awards** (Athletics -Rolling Times) – Central Cambria HS

**12:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Awards** (Aquatics, Basketball) – Maurice Stokes (upstairs)

**1:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Awards** (Golf) – Immergrün Golf Club

**3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Awards** (Tennis) – Ebensburg Tennis Center

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