

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY HOSTS SPECIAL OLYMPICS PA'S WESTERN SPRING SECTIONAL FOR THIRD YEAR

ALMOST 1200 ATHLETES, COACHES & VOLUNTEERS WILL TAKE OVER CARNEGIE MELON APRIL 14TH

What: Hundreds of athletes, coaches, families, and friends representing the western corner of Pennsylvania will participate in Special Olympics Pennsylvania's Western Spring Sectional. During the course of the event, approximately 600 athletes and 200 coaches will compete in aquatics, athletics, basketball, and golf. Weeks of hard work and dedication in training will be rewarded as athletes are cheered on and supported during competition by more than 400 enthusiastic volunteers. This event requires volunteers from the western part of the state to serve as officials, athlete escorts, award presenters, and in various other ways. Sectional competitions are hosted by Special Olympics Pennsylvania for each training season in each of the three sections of the state (west, central and east). Spectatorship is encouraged and the community is welcome to support the athletes as "Fans in the Stands" and watch the inspiring sportsmanship of Special Olympics athletes in action.

When/Where: Sunday, April 14, 2018,
Carnegie Mellon University – 5000 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213
(Competition venues listed below)

SCHEDULE:

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies - Gesling Stadium

Guests slated to attend include:

- Emcee: John Ferguson – Greene County Athlete & Global Messenger
- Co-Emcee: Councilman Tom Baker – Allegheny County District 1
- Matthew Aaron – President & CEO of Special Olympics Pennsylvania
- Mike Trettel – Special Olympics Pennsylvania Board Member
- Dr. Gina Casalegno – Carnegie Mellon Vice President of Student Affairs
- Officer Joseph Bernarding and Officer Jim Moran - Carnegie Mellon University Police

11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Olympic Village - CMU Soccer Field

Olympic Village will offer athletes a variety of fun activities to keep them busy in between competitions. Numerous Carnegie Mellon student clubs and area businesses will set up booths and craft tables.

11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Competitions (Various locations)

- **Aquatics** – Cohon University Center Pool
- **Athletics** – Gesling Stadium
- **Basketball 3V3** – Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School
- **Basketball 5V5** – Cohon University Center & Skibo Gym
- **Basketball Individual Skills** – Skibo Gym
- **Golf** – Bob O'Connor Golf Course

1:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Awards (All Sports) – Respective Venues

5:45 p.m. Closing Ceremonies – Respective Venues

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