



# Christa Mereen Athletics



Christa Mereen plays a whopping nine sports with Special Olympics Pennsylvania and since she joined more than 16 years ago has become much more confident and talkative. She's made many friends throughout the years and enjoys the exercise she gets from staying active.

As a Global Messenger and SOPA Athlete of the Year in 2016, Christa also had the opportunity to speak on Capitol Hill. She works two jobs (at Burger King and at a local day care) and in her spare time enjoys spending time with her nephew, her dog and going on walks.

## IN HER WORDS

“ I am proud and excited to represent PA. I am trying to get healthy. I have lost almost 25 pounds and quit drinking soda! ”

**Hometown:** Bedford, Pa.

**Age/Years Involved:** 30/16

**Other Sports:** Bocce, bowling, equestrian, floor hockey, softball, snowshoeing, swimming and track & field

**Local Program:** Bedford County

**Role:** Athlete

