

MEDIA ALERT
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KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY TO HOST SPECIAL OLYMPICS PENNSYLVANIA'S LARGEST STATEWIDE SECTIONAL - EASTERN SPRING SECTIONAL

OVER 1,100 ATHLETES, COACHES & VOLUNTEERS WILL TRAVEL TO KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY MAY 5TH

WHAT: Hundreds of athletes, coaches, families and friends representing the eastern corner of Pennsylvania will participate in Special Olympics Pennsylvania's Eastern Spring Sectional. During the course of the event, more than 1,100 athletes and 500 coaches will compete in aquatics, athletics, basketball, golf, softball 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 500 enthusiastic volunteers. This event requires volunteers from the eastern 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. This event is a qualifier for Summer Games (3v3 & 5v5 basketball). The drawing will take place the Tuesday following the Eastern Spring Sectional.

WHEN/WHERE: Saturday, May 5, 2018
Kutztown University, 15200 Kutztown Rd, Kutztown, PA 19530

Schedule of Events:

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Opening Ceremonies - Outdoor Track/KU Stadium

Guests slated to attend include:

- Co-Emcees: Lebanon County athlete - Kristine Progin & Kutztown University Student - Kaley Unger
- Dr. Anne Zayaitz - Kutztown University's Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
- Dr. Kristen Bazley - Associate Professor of Elementary Education
- Performance by the Kutztown University Cheerleaders
- Performance by the Kutztown University Dance Team

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Olympic Village – Tent Outside of Keystone Hall

Olympic Town will offer athletes a variety of fun activities to keep them busy in between competitions. Numerous Kutztown student clubs will set up booths and crafts tables, and area businesses will participate.

10:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Competitions (Various Locations)

Aquatics – Kutztown University Pool

Athletic – KU Stadium Outdoor Track

Basketball 5V5 – KU Keystone Arena (O'Pake Field House) Court 1

Basketball 3V3 – Kutztown High School, 50 Trexler Ave, Kutztown

Golf – Richard Maiden Golf Course, 234 Rich Maiden Rd, Fleetwood

Tennis – KU Tennis Courts

Unified Softball & Softball – KU Farm Fields

All awards will be given on a rolling basis immediately following competition/heats at each venue.

5:50 p.m. All Competition Ends

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