Celine Heffron-Pero is a 24-year-old from Chester County who plays a bevy of sports with Special Olympics. Since she started playing sports, she’s become more active and made many friends. She believes it’s not all about winning or failure, but the joy of competing. She also loves to spend time with one of her best friends, Julia, who plays soccer for Ursinus College. Celine works part-time with special needs children at a preschool and in her spare time enjoys animals, playing the piano and making things.

**IN HER WORDS**

“I and my teammates, I’m sure, are really excited to be going to the USA Games. And we’re doing it together as a team. Let’s go PA!”

**Hometown:** Phoenixville, Pa.  
**Local Program:** Chester County  
**Age/Years Involved:** 24/4  
**Role:** Athlete  
**Other Sports:** Basketball, bowling, skiing, snowshoeing and track & field