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### **COLUMBIA/MONTOUR ATHLETE NINA KANERIYA INDUCTED INTO SPECIAL OLYMPICS PENNSYLVANIA HALL OF FAME**

(Norristown, PA, August 29, 2019) – Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) recently inducted four new members (two athletes and two volunteers) into its Hall of Fame as members of the Class of 2019. Among the inductees was Nina Kaneriya, a Columbia/Montour County athlete who has been participating in Special Olympics for more than 20 years. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held during SOPA’s annual Leadership Conference Banquet at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center in State College, PA on Saturday, August 17, 2019.

Some of the many highlights of Kaneriya’s illustrious time with Special Olympics include trips to the 2006 World Games in China, the 2010 World Games in Greece, and the 2018 USA Games in Seattle. Even when she’s not selected to compete at a local, sectional or state event, Kaneriya will attend the competition to cheer on her teammates and wish them well.

As the athlete representative on her county’s management team, Kaneriya shares important news from the state with her local program to ensure that all athletes and volunteers in her community are informed. Conversely, she recently finished her first term as a member of the Regional Input Council, where Kaneriya helped gather critical information from athletes across the state. As an active member of the Athlete Leadership community, Kaneriya is a shining example of someone who strives to make the most out of every opportunity. She is employed at a local medical center where she spreads positive vibes and stories about Special Olympics in the atrium cafeteria.

“As part of the Special Olympics program in Columbia/Montour Counties for over twenty years, Nina has made an impact,” said Columbia/Montour Local Program manager Laura Davis.

#### **About The Hall of Fame Awards**

The Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) Hall of Fame awards honors athletes and volunteers who have made outstanding contributions both on and off the field of competition. This prestigious event is held during our annual Leadership Conference and Banquet in State College, PA. Learn more at <https://specialolympicspa.org/events/hall-of-fame>

#### **About Special Olympics Pennsylvania**

Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) provides year-round training and competition in 21 Olympic-type sports to nearly 20,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities or closely related developmental disabilities. For more information about how to be a fan, visit our website at [www.specialolympicspa.org](http://www.specialolympicspa.org).

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