



SPECIAL OLYMPICS UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

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CARTHAGE INCLUSION REVOLUTION

Carthage High School held an Inclusion Revolution Day where they hosted soccer, kickball, disc golf, and dancing stations. The dance that students learned in stations was performed as a unified group at the end of the day. Carthage inclusion revolution day was followed with a field trip to the pumpkin patch! Great job to Carthage in promoting Inclusion!

HIGHLIGHTS

Tipton, California, and Eldon high schools came to compete in an inaugural Flag Football Tournament at the Training for Life Campus! We had cheerleaders and marching bands from the schools to make it feel just like it was a Football Friday night!

With recent bowling and track and field events in full swing, we are seeing our Unified numbers continue to grow! Odessa High School held their annual Track meet and had their first ever Unified relay teams compete!

We have had many great Unified events in schools over the first part of the school year. Did I miss your event? Let me know what you did so you can be included into our next highlights!

*“Diversity is having a seat at the table.
Inclusion is having a voice. Belonging is having
that voice be heard.”*

RESOURCES

Want to find more ways to engage your students with inclusion? Check out our Unified Classroom that has lessons on identity, teamwork, empowerment, leadership, appreciation, and so many more! All of the lessons have different grade levels, unified talks, with objectives and standards!

www.generationunified.org/unified-classroom

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

We are back up and going at SOMO with events all around the state! With these events we are looking for volunteers! If you would like information on events you can volunteer at check out somo.org/volunteer/.

An inclusion revolution is a one day unified event where those with and without intellectual disabilities play together. The main goals are to break down barriers, educate students on the importance of inclusion, and provide a meaningful experience for all participants. These are meant to be whole school engagements and even surrounding schools with their special education departments.

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Young Athlete Programs (YAP's) are a great way to work with younger schools in your district. YAP is for those 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities where we play games to work on motor and social skills, as well as introduce them to our sports that we offer year-round. We meet once a week and this can be done either during the school day, or after school. For more information or if you are interested please feel free to reach out to me, we are excited to help you get things started!

NATIONAL BANNER PROGRAM

A Special Olympics Unified Champion School has an inclusive school climate and exudes a sense of collaboration, engagement and respect for all members of the student body and staff. A Unified Champion School receiving national banner recognition is one that has demonstrated commitment to inclusion by meeting 10 national standards of excellence. These standards were developed by a national panel of leaders from Special Olympics and the education community.

The primary activities within these standards include: [Special Olympics Unified Sports®](#) (where students with and without disabilities train and compete as teammates), Inclusive Youth Leadership and Whole-School Engagement. Banner Unified Champion Schools should also be able to demonstrate they are self-sustainable or have a plan in place to sustain these activities into the future.

SCHOOL VISITS

I have been traveling the state visiting different schools and learning about all of the great things you are doing to promote inclusion. My goal is to provide you more information on the three standards and what more you can do to be on pace to achieve national banner status. If you would like to meet please reach out to me at mayfield@somo.org or 314-477-4223 so we can start creating an inclusive environment for everyone!

SCHOOL SURVEY

Please take a moment and fill out our survey so we can continue to serve you and your students creating a place where everyone feels welcome! <https://form.jotform.com/213266085825055>

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