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NEWSLETTER

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Message from Program Director Jocelyn Diehl

I've enjoyed meeting new athletes and volunteers at recent events, thank you to all of you who reached out in support of SOMO or to register your child for new activities – big things are in store for the St. Louis Area! Our biggest need for volunteers is coming up on May 7 for our Area Track & Swim meet, please visit us at somo.org to see how you can get involved!



HIGHLIGHTS

March brought the SOMO State Basketball Tournament to the St. Charles area and we couldn't have been more proud to host not only one of the largest State events, but the first multi-day State event since our return to play!

Friday, March 18 kicked off the State event with an Opening Ceremony at St. Charles West High School, immediately followed by a dance for all participants. Saturday, March 19 was a day of amazing basketball competition for 128 teams and 60 individual athletes participating in skills stations.

The Missouri Association of Student Councils (MASC) will be hosting an in-person summer leadership workshop; to register an interested athlete or Unified Partner, please contact Krista Evans at evans@somo.org.

The application for the class of 2022-2024 US Youth Ambassadors is officially open! Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools is looking for youth leaders with and without intellectual and/or developmental disabilities between the ages of 14 – 24 whom can commit to this two-year role. Applications will be accepted between March 21 – May 22 at [https://www.specialolympics.org/our-work/unified-champion-schools/u-s-youth-](https://www.specialolympics.org/our-work/unified-champion-schools/u-s-youth-ambassadors?utm_medium=email&hsmi=208181972&hsenc=p2ANqtz-lkqFptWbkTjh6_tPG9zyVM7H8oijiBGRReq-ds8_LF7jTwhwYb-JTYyFs7Zoi2Jcjl0hCeUTkiL583emRwceS7Z5O6lQ&utm_content=208181972&utm_source=hs_email)



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*If my mind can conceive it and my heart can believe it
– then I can achieve it.*
– Muhammad Ali

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 2 – St. Louis Metro Area Volleyball Tournament (St. Louis)
- April 20 – Jefferson County Local Track Meet (Desoto)
- April 22 – St. Clair Local Track Meet (St. Clair)
- April 24 – St. Louis Metro Area Soccer Tournament (St. Louis)
- April 29 – Wright City Local Track Meet (Wright City)
- April 30 – St. Louis Metro Area Powerlifting Meet (Maryland Heights)
- May 7 – St. Louis Metro Area Spring Games (Town & Country)
- May 10 – Sullivan Unified Local Track Meet (Sullivan)
- May 20 – 22 – State Summer Games (Columbia)
- July 9 – Southeast / St. Louis Metro Area Softball Tournament (Cape Girardeau)

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