

Dear Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus,

We just wanted to take a moment to thank you for sponsoring the North Penn High School, Special Olympics Unified Senior Awards. As you may know, Unified sports are where students with disabilities and those without disabilities compete together. Your donation went to good use supporting 4 students who have been involved in Unified programming at NPHS. Here is a little bit about each student who received one of the Knights of Columbus Unified Awards:

**Devon Anderson**

Devon participated in Special Olympics Unified Heptathlon in her sophomore year, Unified track in her junior year and Unified bocce and track in her senior year. Devon has held key roles in both varsity teams. Devon, like her peers, was chosen for this award by her peers and is described by her teammates as being best in a pinch. In bocce, Devon is known to always come through with a key throw right when her team needed it. In track, Devon was known for her excellence in throwing the shot putt. Devon is a dependable member of both teams. In her down time you can catch Devon as one of the hostesses at the Inclusion Cafe in Cedars.



**Maureen Gambogi**

Maureen participated in Special Olympics Unified Bocce in both her junior and senior years and Unified Track in her senior year. Maureen was a key member of the varsity teams both years. Maureen was a member of the bocce team that went to the state competition in the Winter of 2022. Although they did not win states they were a very strong team, thanks to Maureen's leadership. Maureen was often relied on to make the throws necessary to secure a win. In addition to being a fantastic bocce player, she is also a strong runner competing in the 50 yard run as well as the relay. Maureen is continuing her education at Penn State University.



## Nick Lupinacci

Nick has been involved in Unified Sports since his sophomore year. In his 10th grade year, Nick participated in Heptathlon which was run in place of bocce and track due to COVID and he participated in both unified bocce and track his junior and senior years. Nick has been a very critical player on our varsity bocce team, he has mastered the ability to blast another player's ball out of play and did so on a regular basis including in our state competition in 2022. Nick was also a very active member of the varsity unified track team earning points for the team in the 200 yard run and in the relay. Nick is a leader among his peers and is willing to step in to help out whenever needed. Nick is looking to major in Chemistry in college and is hoping to become a teacher in the future. We are hoping that he makes his way back to NPHS where we are hoping to recruit him to coach bocce and track!



## Luke Williams

Luke has been involved in Special Olympics Unified sports for the past 2 years, participating in both bocce and track. Luke has been on the varsity teams for both sports in both his junior and senior years. Luke is a leader among his teammates and is often relied on to take new students under his wing and to lead practice drills. In bocce, Luke is always a clutch polinna thrower and in track he can throw the mini javelin over 20 meters (he has a real cannon). Luke, is described as being the team communicator as he makes sure that everyone knows what's going on. In addition to his participation in unified sports, Luke has been the president of NPHS's Special Olympics club where teachers depend on him to lead group activities.



Once again, we cannot thank you enough for your support of our teams. We would not have been able to offer these awards without your sponsorship.

Sincerely,

Susan Ahart, NPHS Unified Bocce Coach

Kerry Byrnes, NPHS Unified Bocce and Track Coach

Jimmy Groff, NPHS Unified Track Coach

