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SPECIAL OLYMPICS UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS® SPOTLIGHT

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

The Special Olympics at FSU club was started in the fall of 2019 by a group of undergraduate and graduate students that were all Unified partners in the local county sports. These partners had such a great experience being a part of Special Olympics Unified Soccer and Basketball teams that they wanted to make sure more students on campus had the opportunity to get involved. With support from SOFL, the newly formed club collaborated with SOFL-Leon County, FSU Campus Recreation, and FSU Sport Management to expand Unified Sports opportunities on campus by creating the university's first ever Unified team to play in the campus intramural flag football league. This team was followed by the first Unified sand volleyball and Unified kickball teams. As Unified Sports continued to gain momentum on campus, SO@FSU and FSU Campus Rec planned for a full Unified Basketball League in Spring 2020. Since then, Unified teams have participated in intramural wiffle ball and intramural soccer as well as hosted two FSU Unified Day tournaments that were open to the Tallahassee community. With college students coming and going, sustainability of programming was always a consideration of SO@FSU programming. This is why involvement of Tallahassee residents continues to be a focus of SO@FSU activities. By offering a variety of opportunities for involvement, Unified Sports became a way to not only connect FSU students with Special Olympics athletes, but also to connect the campus and the community.

-Melanie Dammel, Doctoral Candidate, Florida State University

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INFORMATION ON BECOMING A
NATIONAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS
UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOL®**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be
brave in the attempt."
-Special Olympics athlete oath**



MEDIA FOR THE MOVEMENT COLLEGE TOUR - JRSPORTSBRIEF

JR Jackson, founder and host of JRSportBrief, is teaming up with Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools® to host “Media for the Movement,” an 11-week U.S. college tour where JR will meet and speak with students and athletes on inclusion in sports media. The tour began at Springfield College on September 20. JRSportBrief airs live on CBS Sports Radio M-F 10 pm-2 am ET and is posted the next day on Audacy.

Click [HERE](#) for JR’s tour announcement with Jason Teitler, SVP, Global Communications and Brand Lead at Special Olympics.

Questions? Contact Alexandra Padalino (apadalino@specialolympics.org)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Olympics Unified esports - College tournaments for Fall 2021

The game?

Rocket League

Who?

Unified college teams
across the country

Tournaments are limited
to 16 teams. All teams
will compete remotely.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Dixie State University -

Friday, October 29 @ 6:00 pm ET

Eastern Kentucky University -

Friday, November 5 @ 7:30 pm ET

Questions? Reach out to Scott George
(sgeorge@specialolympics.org)



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Flag Football

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- National Officials - Closes November 22, 2021

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