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Peter Newport Selected as Most Inspirational Athlete At State Basketball /Cheerleading Tournament by Special Olympics Kansas

Mission, KS - Every year Special Olympics Kansas recognizes an athlete as the most inspirational at the annual State Basketball/Cheerleading tournament. The award, named in honor of former athlete Gary Samuels, is presented to an athlete who exhibits teamwork, support and enthusiasm for their game. Last week, Topeka Jr. Blues athlete, Peter Newport was chosen as the winner of this prestigious award. Newport was chosen from over 1100 athletes at the competition

Newport has an infectious smile. He is always upbeat, positive and friendly to all those around him. He encourages his teammates and is an inspiration. Newport not only enjoys basketball and competition, but enjoys being surrounded by his friends and Special Olympics family.

Nominated by his coaches, Christy & Dakota Sorensen, their nomination also stated: "He can turn the dreariest day into a bright one, with his very presence. He brings joy to anyone and everyone around him without reservation."

In 2017, Newport will have the honor of carrying the torch and lighting the cauldron at the State Basketball/Cheerleading Tournament, with Law Enforcement Officers, and declare the games open.

Energized by the pride and power of teamwork, Special Olympics Kansas provides individuals with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to be an athlete...and more...through acceptance, inclusion, physical fitness, health and nutrition programs and leadership development.

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