

Chevi Peters

New Hope Bulldogs



Hometown: Pittsburg

Sports: Powerlifting, Softball, Flag Football, Bocce, Golf, Basketball, Bowling, Skiing, Snowshoeing, Swimming.

Other Activities: Powerlifter for Team Kansas at 2014 USA Games in New Jersey, Powerlifter for SO USA Team at World Games in Los Angeles in 2015, Played in SO North America National Softball Invitational in 2015 & 2016, Participated in Unified Relay for SO World Games as it traveled through Kansas, Played in National Flag Football Invitational

Awards/Honors: SOKS Summer Games Most Inspirational Athlete, One of 4 athletes (out of 7,500 attending) to present Athlete Oath at SO World Games with KC Chief Player Jamal Charles. Represented SOKS in annual Hill Day in Washington, DC meeting with elected leadership to promote benefits of Special Olympics, Member of SOKS Hall of Fame

More About Me: I am the first SOKS athlete to become a certified coach in any sport. I have been certified in powerlifting and now coach. My **nickname is "Manimal"** **ESPN did a feature on Coach Lair and me training for World Games and our friendship.** My powerlifting story is also an ad for Bank of America

Groups I have talked to: KC Royals Golf Classic, Kansas Legislative Shrimp-Peel, Shawnee Chamber of Commerce, Toyota, Stanion Golf, SO Hill Day in Washington DC in the Library of Congress, ESPN Radio, SO Washington Breakfast of Champions

Employment: Work as a landscaper for City of Pittsburg Parks Department

Future Goals: Continue to put my art of landscaping to work

People I admire: Coach Lair, my dad and Dan Marino

What being a Global Messenger means: *It gives me a chance to tell the world my story. I have traveled throughout the country promoting Special Olympics and my story.*



Chevi's personal strengths

Caring

In your heart, helping others is important. You want to make the world better by helping people.

Achieving

You have more energy and goals than other people. You love a sense of accomplishment.

Confidence

You believe in yourself and what you can do. This helps you take on challenges because you feel sure you can succeed.

Global Messengers are Special Olympics Kansas athletes who tell their story and spread the message and vision of the movement. Each messenger completed the StrengthsExplorer® program to identify their personal strengths. Then with 12 hours of classroom training learned speaking skills, and built confidence in their ability to make presentations. Each was required to give a **5-7 minute graduation speech to family and friends.** **Chevi's personal strengths are reflected above.** For more information regarding the Special Olympics Kansas Global Messenger program, or to request a Global Messenger for your event, please contact Public Relations, pr@kssso.org.