

Zeke Minden

Olathe Trailblazers



Hometown: Bucyrus

Sports: Golf, Basketball and Bocce

Other Activities: Golf delegate for Team Kansas at the 2010 USA Games in Lincoln NE. Also have played with Stanion Wholesale Charity Golf Classic as the 5th putter.

More About Me: I enjoy playing golf with my Dad and Special Olympics has given us that opportunity. It was really great at the USA Games when for the first time, my dad got to be my caddy. When I was in high school, I got to throw out the first pitch at a Royals game. I missed the catcher and hit the group getting **ready to sing the national anthem. That's when I decided to get more serious about golf.**

Groups I have talked to: KC Royals Charity Golf Classic, Stanion Golf Classic Reception, Torch Run Kick-Off

People I admire: my parents and sister

Employment: Heartstrings Community Foundation

What being a Global Messenger means: *Sharing my Special Olympics experiences with others and also thanking those who help make a difference through their support of Special Olympics Kansas*



Zeke's personal strengths

Caring

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

Competing

You see many things in life as a game and you feel great joy when you win.

Presence

You were born to be at the front of the room telling stories and taking the lead. Other people watch you and listen to you.

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. **Zeke'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.**