



## *Jackson Byrd*

**USA Games Sport:** *Tennis*

**Age:** 21

**Hometown:** *Olathe, Kansas*

**Local Team:** *Olathe Trailblazers*

**Years in Special Olympics:** 10

**Other Sports:** *Basketball, softball, athletics*

*“I have mental and physical challenges that I have to manage for the rest of my life and it makes it hard to fit in. Special Olympics has given me the strength and courage to not give up. They are my second family.”*

Jackson says that his ideal dream job is to be a basketball coach. In his spare time, he volunteers for an AAU basketball organization (MO-KAN) as a manager for boys basketball for 15 year olds.

Special Olympics has kept Jackson involved in sports and has helped him create lifelong friendships. He says that attending the USA Games is a once in a lifetime opportunity for him to do something that he loves that doctors told him he would never be able to do.

Jackson is proud of graduating high school, continuing his education at JCCC, his SOKS medals, and making the honor roll in college.

## **Favorite Fun Facts**

- ◆ **Color:** *Blue*
- ◆ **Food:** *Chicken*
- ◆ **Music:** *Hip Hop*
- ◆ **Movie:** *Grown Ups*
- ◆ **TV Show:** *Family Feud*
- ◆ **Sports Team:** *KU Basketball*
- ◆ **Hobby:** *Sports*

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