



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
USA GAMES
SEATTLE 2018



KAYLA STROHECKER Riverton



2018 USA Games competition sport: Swimming

Summary: Kayla was one of the original three Special Olympics Wyoming athletes in Riverton, WY and has participated since 1997. At the age of 9, she was awarded “The Most Inspirational Athlete” as the Area Bowling Tournament as her excitement was not only for herself but for all the other athletes as well.

Special Olympics Wyoming sports: Bowling, Basketball, Aquatics

How Special Olympics changed my life: Special Olympics has helped Kayla to maintain a healthy lifestyle, make lifelong friends, overcome her fears, take responsibility for her things and actions and achieve her goals.

Other accomplishments: Kayla has well over 100 medals from Special Olympics and has participated in several different sports: bowling, basketball, gymnastics, aquatics and athletics. Kayla and her mom won The Family Award Achievement that was presented by UPLIFT. Kayla says that they won because, “she is my guardian and I am hers—we share together”.

Other interests or hobbies: Kayla loves movies, movies, dancing, reading, playing with her cat, swimming, volunteering, visiting with friends, shopping and traveling.

Looking forward to most about the Games: Competing and staying in the dorm.

Attending the 2018 USA Games means: I get to go somewhere special that I’ve never been before and do things I’ve never done before. I will get to meet and make new friends. I get to swim in the pool where Olympians have swam. Most of all, getting to stay in a dorm, just like college people do. Thanks for letting me go!

Employed? Yes, I deliver papers to my apartment complex for the Riverton Ranger.

I’ve competed in Special Olympics for: 21 years

