

Dean's Scholars & The Spring Games

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What We Did

- Escorted athletes to different stations
- Calculated points for awards
- Encouraged and cheered on participants
- Assisted athletes in completing their individual skills
- Brought positive energy to the already electric atmosphere

The Process

- The team collaborated on what kinds of philanthropic service we wanted to get involved with. We agreed on health and kids.
- We brainstormed different organizations that combined those two aspects along with a fun environment → Special Olympics!



Benefits

- Enjoyment of volunteering
- Leadership experience
- Understanding the values of others
- Building a better sense of community
- Gained experience for future interactions with IDs
- Improved communication to become more effective leaders

The Special Olympics

The Special Olympics provides sporting events for intellectually disabled individuals. Competitors of all skill levels gain the opportunity to discover new abilities, display their strengths, and strive for success. It was founded in 1968 and has over 4.2 million athletes. The games occur in 170 countries with 32 different sports. "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." – The Special Olympics Oath.

Intellectual Disabilities

- Between 1-3% of people have an ID
- That is approximately 6.5 million people in the United States
- It is the most common developmental disability
- It is typically onset before age 18
- Limitations cause slower development than a typical child



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