



CLASS OF

1992

DAVE JOHS

Dave Johs graduated from Bismarck High School in 1992. He is a Bismarck native and was a special needs student in the Bismarck Public School system. As an 8th grader, Dave was introduced to Special Olympics. It was here that he found his passion for sports. Over the next 30 plus years, Dave has continued to excel in Special Olympics. He has competed in many sports including bowling, cross country skiing, swimming, bocce ball, track and field, basketball, softball, volleyball and soccer. Dave is the first Bismarck area athlete to earn the privilege of competing in the World Special Olympic games. In 2017, Dave attended the Austria games and won the silver medal in the 1K cross-country ski event, beating out other athletes from across the globe.

Some of his other major accomplishments include competing in three National Special Olympic Games in Ames, IA, Lincoln, NE and Seattle, WA; and three World Special Olympic Games in Minneapolis, MN, Hartford, CT, and Austria. He brought home numerous gold, silver and bronze medals from these games. He was also selected as North Dakota Special Olympic Athlete of the Year, and his family won the North Dakota Special Olympic Family of the Year award. He is proud of his accomplishments but always carries himself humbly and with an infectious joy.

He is the son of Joe and Judy Johs.

