



Woodstock Community Unit School District 200

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D200 athletes earn 12 gold, nine silver medals at Illinois Special Olympics Summer Games

The Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 Special Olympics Team triumphantly marched through Prairiewood and Creekside schools on Monday, June 15, following another successful performance at the State Summer Games in Peoria.

Summer school students and staff cheered on the nine athletes who showed off their 12 gold medals, nine silver medals, one 4th-place finish, one 5th-place finish, and a participation award in track & field, powerlifting, swimming, and gymnastics.

“Our athletes did an amazing job! They worked so hard and persevered through some tough competitions. There were many moments where our athletes could have let a tough situation define their weekend, but they pulled it together and came out on top,” said Jennifer Moskowitz, coach and athletic director for the D200 team.

Cory Knopik, coach and assistant team athletic director, said the highlight of the weekend was seeing the athletes achieve their goals and strengthen their bonds with teammates and other athletes from across the state.

“Seeing them cheer each other on and genuinely have fun in such a supportive community is incredible. Summer games are always a powerful reminder of why we do this,” Knopik said.

Knopik and Moskowitz thanked the coaches, volunteers, District staff, and the Special Olympics athletes' families for their support of the program.

“Our Special Olympics team is a giant family where everyone supports each other. It was so great to see our parents and athletes at different venues, cheering their teammates and friends on. The amount of support we have is truly wonderful,” Moskowitz said.

The following are the D200 team’s results from the 2026 Special Olympics Illinois State Summer Games:

Track and Field

- **Lucas Slabinski:** Gold Medal for Softball Throw

Powerlifting

- **Josh Ingeman:** 3 Gold Medals (Bench Press, Deadlift, and Combination)
- **Alex Colin Estrada:** 4 Gold Medals (Bench Press, Deadlift, Squat, and Combination)

Swimming

- **Angelo Smilgis:** Gold Medal in 100M Freestyle, Participation in 50M Freestyle
- **Rory Pivnicka:** Silver Medal in 25M Freestyle
- **Henry Carney:** Gold Medal in 25M Freestyle, 4th Place in 100M Freestyle

Rhythmic Gymnastics

- **Grace Durante:** 4 Silver Medals (Ball, Hoop, Ribbon, and All-Around), 5th Place in Rope
- **Aubrey Zientek:** Gold Medal in Hoop, 4 Silver Medals (Ribbon, Ball, Clubs, and All-Around)
- **Kathryn Thomas:** Gold Medal in Clubs