



### Interview Opportunities

*Note: Access to the following spokespeople may be arranged by filling out the "Media Request Form" within your press kit. Forms are also available in the Media Operations Center located in Hilton Coliseum. Simply leave your completed form with a staff member of the Media Operations Center and you will be contacted regarding your interview requests.*

#### Games Organizing Committee (GOC) Spokespeople:

##### **J. Elaine Hieber**

##### **Chairperson, Games Organizing Committee**

J. Elaine Hieber is Chairperson of the Games Organizing Committee and has been instrumental in preparations for the 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games. Hieber lives in Ames, and for 23 years was a senior associate athletics director at Iowa State University. She served as the university liaison for the Special Olympic Iowa Summer Games for 20 years and has been a member of the Special Olympic Iowa Board of Directors for 18 years. Hieber is available prior to the National Games for media interviews, as well as throughout the National Games.

##### **Rich Fellingham**

##### **President/CEO Special Olympics Iowa**

Rich Fellingham is President/CEO of Special Olympics Iowa and successfully campaigned on behalf of Iowa hosting the 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games. Fellingham has been an integral component in planning for the event. Since 1997, Fellingham has held his position at Special Olympics Iowa. Fellingham is available prior to the National Games for media interviews, as well as throughout the National Games.

##### **Mark North**

##### **Chairman of the Board**

Mark North is Chairman of the Board of Directors for the 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games. North has been one of the key people behind the preparations of the National Games. He is also in charge of Opening and Closing Ceremonies. North is available prior to the National Games for media interviews, as well as throughout the National Games.

#### Special Olympics International Spokespeople:

##### **Tim Shriver**

##### **Special Olympics Chairman of the Board**

Timothy P. Shriver is the Chairman of Special Olympics, Inc. In that capacity, he serves nearly two million Special Olympics athletes and their families in more than 150 countries. Shriver has

helped transform Special Olympics into a movement that focuses on acceptance, inclusion, and respect for individuals with intellectual disabilities in all corners of the globe. In his nine years at the helm of Special Olympics, Shriver has launched the organization's most ambitious growth agenda to date.

**Bruce Pasternack**  
**Special Olympics President & CEO**

Bruce Pasternack was named President and Chief Executive Officer of Special Olympics in June 2005. Pasternack brings a global business perspective to Special Olympics as he spent more than 28 years as a Senior Vice President of Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc., and was managing partner of its San Francisco Office. Pasternack co-authored *The Centerless Corporation*, published by Simon & Schuster in 1998, and he has published many other articles, including "Yellow Light Leadership" in *The Wall Street Journal*, "The Four Bases of Organizational DNA" in *strategy+business*, and "The Passive-Aggressive Organization" in *Harvard Business Review*.

**Special Guests:**

**Tom Arnold**  
**Ambassador for National Games**

Tom Arnold is an Ambassador for the 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games, and is the emcee for Opening Ceremonies. Arnold will be available for media interviews just prior to Opening Ceremonies.

**Jo Dee Messina**  
**Special Olympics Ambassador**

Country Star Jo Dee Messina became a Special Olympics Ambassador in 2005 after she attended a Special Olympics event and became inspired to work with the athletes. She will perform at the National Games Closing Ceremonies on July 7. Messina is available prior to the National Games for media interviews, as well as on July 7 while in Ames.

**Athletes, Coaches, and More:**

**Jenna Schrack**  
**Athlete/Global Messenger**

Jenna Schrack is 21 years old and lives in Ankeny, Iowa. She works in the day care at the YMCA and has been a Special Olympics athlete since she was eight years old. She is participating in the 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games in the bowling competition. Schrack is a Special Olympics Global Messenger and has extensive experience delivering speeches and talking to media on behalf of Special Olympics. Schrack is available prior to the National Games for media interviews, as well as throughout the National Games.

**Angela Oberlander**  
**Athlete**

Angela Oberlander is an 18-year-old student at Roosevelt High School in Des Moines, Iowa. She has been involved in gymnastics since she was three years old, and is competing in gymnastics at the 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games. Oberlander would prefer to be interviewed by print publications. Oberlander is available prior to the National Games for media interviews, as well as throughout the National Games.

**Todd and Jamie Bass**  
**Athletes**

Todd and Jamie Bass are representing North Carolina during the 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games. Four children of the Bass family will participate at the National Games: three

siblings are athletes on the North Carolina soccer team and one is a member of the team's coaching staff. All four Bass children were adopted by Steve and Gail Bass. Todd and Jamie are available prior to the National Games for media interviews, as well as throughout the National Games.

**Kelly Horn**  
**Athlete**

Kelly Horn is representing Pennsylvania during the 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games. Born in Korea and adopted by an American family at the age of five, Horn credits her Special Olympics experience with allowing her to sustain peak physical fitness and coordination, meeting new friends and improving her self-esteem. Horn is competing in track and field events at the National Games. Horn is available prior to the National Games for media interviews, as well as throughout the National Games.

**Stacey Castelloe**  
**Athlete**

Stacey Castelloe is representing North Carolina during the 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games. Castelloe has been involved in Special Olympics for more than 25 years. He competes in Motor Activities Training Program (MATP) events like wheelchair races and the 25 meter aquatics event with a floatation device due to the fact he only has one leg. Castelloe's leg was amputated almost two decades ago. Castelloe is available prior to the National Games for media interviews, as well as throughout the National Games.

**John Gray**  
**Coach**

A former Special Olympics athlete, who is now a coach for North Carolina's Special Olympics team, John Gray is a passionate Special Olympics spokesperson. He was the 2005 Special Olympics North Carolina Athlete of the Year, and now coaches and mentors Special Olympics athletes. Gray is a Special Olympics Global Messenger, and as such has been trained to conduct media interviews. Gray is available prior to the National Games for media interviews, as well as throughout the National Games.

**Deb Schrack**  
**Mother/Volunteer**

Deb Schrack is the mother of Jenna Schrack, a Special Olympics Iowa athlete who is participating in the National Games. Schrack has been volunteering on a full-time basis to support the National Games for the last three months. Schrack is available prior to the National Games for media interviews, as well as throughout the National Games.

**Special Events Spokespeople:**

**Michael Teem**  
**United States Law Enforcement Torch Run**

Major Michael Teem is the Team Captain of the United States Law Enforcement Torch Run. Law enforcement officers and Special Olympics athletes from around the country will partner during this event to carry the "Flame of Hope" from Soldier Field in Chicago to the Iowa State University campus in Ames, Iowa. The Final Leg Team consists of more than 100 participants including 60 law enforcement officers, nine Special Olympics athletes, and 40 support team members who will travel with the flame. Forty-eight states, including the District of Columbia, will be represented by team members throughout the run. Teem is available prior to the National Games for media interviews, as well as while he is in Ames.

**Marilyn Richwine**  
**Cessna Citation Special Olympics Airlift**

Marilyn Richwine is the staff vice president at Cessna Aircraft Company, and is in charge of the Cessna Citation Special Olympics Airlift. This airlift, which will support the 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games, will be one of the largest private airlifts in history. The airlift will include at least 230 Cessna Citations that will transport more than 1,800 Special Olympics athletes, coaches and official delegates from across the nation to the National Games. Richwine is available prior to the National Games for media interviews, as well as while she is in Ames.

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