



***FUNdamental Sports***  
SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEXAS

***FIRST SPEAKING GROUP:  
Port Neches-Groves High School.***

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***Presentation  
Starts with Unified,  
Followed by FUNdamental sports***

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# Lauren Hanratty



Lauren Hanratty is a Specialized Academic Teacher/Special Olympics Coach at Port Neches-Groves High School in Port Neches, Texas. Lauren has been running the PNG Special Olympics program since its inception in the fall of 2018.



# Scott Ryan

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Scott Ryan, Ed.D. is the principal of Port Neches-Groves High School in Port Neches, Texas. He was instrumental in developing the Special Olympics program at PNG High School.



# Chris Smith



Chris Smith is a Inclusion Teacher at Port Neches-Groves High School. He is also the head basketball coach and assistant special olympics coach.



# Misty Higgins



Misty Higgins is the Special Education Director of Port Neches-Groves Independent School District. She has helped develop and fund the program from the beginning.



# First Flag Football Game *(photos, no video)*

Photos: two images show a male Special Olympics athlete playing flag football in a Unified game with PNG.



# First State Track Meet *(video with no audio)*

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Direct link: 55 seconds. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ym0sqqywf8>



# PNG Unified Photo gallery (1 of 2)



Above: two images of PNG teammates celebrating and showing camaraderie with each other.

# PNG Unified Photo gallery (2 of 2)



Photo gallery: ten photos show various Unified activities on and off the playing field. This includes long jump, going out to eat at a pizza restaurant with enormous food on tables, rushing the field, cheer and basketball.

# Unified Basketball (video w/music)



Direct link. 53 seconds. Video includes pop music played over basketball. [https://youtu.be/r0df\\_8xMb3A](https://youtu.be/r0df_8xMb3A)

# Paisley and Colby (video w/sound)

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An athlete and Unified Partner discuss their friendship. Direct link. <https://youtu.be/Q4ElxQrselA>

# Unified Pep rally! (video w/music)



Direct link. 46 seconds. Video includes pop music played over a packed pep rally. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=db47cdJ73Dg>

# Kaleb (video w/sound)

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2:20 length. Unified athlete, male, wears PNG Unified shirt and addresses camera. Direct link: [https://youtu.be/wQDJqXlzX\\_E](https://youtu.be/wQDJqXlzX_E)

# Daylon's quote (image, no video)

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Left: photo of a male Unified Partner, Daylon, looking directly into camera lens.

“Joining Special Olympics is one of the greatest things I have chosen to do in high school.” -Daylan, Unified partner

*(time permitting)* Unified Final Notes (FINAL PNG SLIDE before FUNdamental)

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*(time permitting)* Brief Q & A before next subject

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SOTX/Unified Volunteer page:



*Next up: FUNdamental Sports*



# *FUNdamental Sports*

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**Barbara Kielaszek** has been a Special Olympics volunteer for over 40 years. She is a retired Adapted Physical Education teacher and is the current lead volunteer for FUNdamental Sports.

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## A Relunched Special Olympics Program

## Time for a change . . . (Video w/sound)



Motor Activities Training Program - "MATP" - has now become FUNdamental Sports  
direct link, 1:31 length: <https://youtu.be/Jjacav4j55k>

# What is FUNdamental Sports?

FUNdamental Sports is designed for individuals who are unable to participate in Official Special Olympics events due to their physical skills and/or functional abilities.

The three core principles include:

**F**oundational Skills

**U**nified Partners

**N**o Limits



Five images show five different FUNdamental athletes all having a great time while they have assistance, either from a person or device, achieving their sport.

# Foundational Skills



Above: four images show FUNdamental athletes completing different sports.

Above: 10-second clip shows a FUNdamental athlete catch a ball using a glove.

# Unified Partners



Three images above show FUNdamental athletes engaging in events including a ball toss, awards and step-and-repeat photo opportunity and leg strengthening/stretching.

# No Limits



Left image: a female athlete engages in modified ball toss. Right two images: a female athlete using a wheelchair launches a ball at a target using a ramp.



# Progression → Success



Photos: A male athlete prepares for cycling in photos one and two by using a training aid/workout machine, and in photo three he is off and riding with the help of a volunteer.



# Building a Community

- Engaging community partners with the school transition team to support the individual's:
  - socialization
  - daily life skills
  - volunteer and work opportunities
- Creating opportunities for families to build a support network
  - family members become coaches
  - greater family and community interaction through sport
  - opening doors of involvement outside of the home (e.g., parks and rec, churches, day hab programs, neighborhood leagues)
- Raising awareness & developing avenues for inclusion

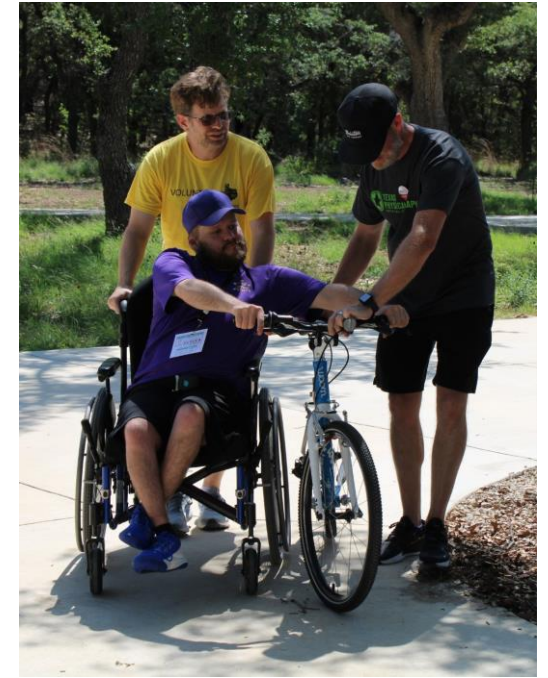


Image gallery: four images show FUNdamental athletes at a competition as well as enjoying a stroll at a camp.

# Community Partners

- Robotics Organizations
- STEM programs
- Retired Engineering Volunteer Groups
- OTs and PTs



Above: three photos show the progression of a basketball-shooting device being built for usage in upcoming FUNdamental activities.

# State Games

- May 19-20, 2023 in San Antonio
- Sports: Athletics (Track & Field), Basketball, Cycling, Gymnastics, Soccer, Tennis



Photos include four images of FUNdamental athletes playing modified basketball, cycling, tennis and awards.

# In Conclusion . . .

- No Limits
- Progression and skill development is key
- Unified Partners & activities lead to community engagement & understanding
- Families unite & strengthen within the community & schools
- FUN!



Four photos show FUNdamental Sports athletes experiencing joys and wins, including a male athlete being aided in pool activities and a female athlete pulling ropes.

# For More FUNdamental Information:

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## QR CODE TO VOLUNTEER

## OR GET INVOLVED WITH UNIFIED



*(time permitting)*

Q & A & Wrap up

