Meet the Members of Sunflower Hill

Robby

Robby is 24 and loves books, music, dancing and all things Disney. This summer he qualified for the Special Olympics State Championships in swimming at UC Davis - winning gold medals in backstroke and freestyle. He volunteers weekly at Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch and Ace Hardware. He was recently selected to paint a utility box for the city of Pleasanton.

Patrick

Patrick is 19 years old and in his first year at the Del Valle transition program. He is currently working at Petco and participates in Special Olympics basketball and swimming. In his free time, Patrick loves horseback riding, skiing, and bike riding. He earned a varsity letter in track and field and was very proud to be honored on the State Capitol Senate floor by Senator Steve Glazer in honor of Autism Awareness.

Andrew

Andrew is 19 and just graduated from Foothill High School last June. He is very proud that he was the first Special Olympic athlete to earn a varsity letter in Alameda County and that letters can now be earned by all Special Olympic athletes in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin School Districts. He attends the Film & Media Workshop in Livermore and really enjoys it. He participates in basketball, bowling and golf for the Special Olympics, and also enjoys riding his bike and building Lego creations.

Jacob

Jacob is 21 with a rare genetic condition called Trisomy 9. Jacob loves all things travel; cars, buses, trains, and airplanes. He is a Special Olympics athlete, participating in basketball, track and soccer, and volunteers at Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch. He can't wait to go to Disneyland this spring with his transition class at Granada High!

Dean

Dean is a 22 year old young man from Livermore. He will graduate from the Granada High School Functional Life Skills Program this year and plans on attending an Adult Day school beginning in January 2017. Dean is very athletic and bowls year-round on two local leagues. He also plays Special Olympics basketball every year. Recently, he earned a Varsity Letter from Granada High School for his sports ability. He now wears his Granada jacket proudly! Dean laughs easily, is sweet, affectionate, and is a great friend.

Josh

Josh is a 17 year old teenager who loves sports of all kinds and participates in many of Special Olympic sports and tournaments. He especially likes basketball, baseball and floor hockey – which he tried for the first time this year. His favorite professional teams are the Oakland Athletics and the Raiders, but often cheers for the underdog team on games he watches on TV. He is also learning to play golf and has an awesome long drive swing that earned him extra points at the last tournament.

