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*from the Special Olympics Canada website

EMMA BITTORF

Sport: Golf – Level 4 – Individual Stroke Play

Results: SILVER MEDAL

Biography: 15-year-old Emma has been involved with Special Olympics for six years. She loves Golf, Swimming, Figure Skating and Skiing. She has overcome two broken ankles, on separate occasions, and has gone on to win Bronze and Gold medals in Golf, and Bronze, Silver and Gold in Figure Skating. Darren, Emma's Father, will be her caddie for their first World Games. Emma thanks Special Olympics for helping her to make many new friends who like her for herself. The goal for the 2019 Games is to compete hard and get a hole-in-one.



AMBER HARRIMAN

Sport: Rhythmic Gymnastics

Results:
Level 3 – All Around – GOLD
Level 3 – Ball – GOLD
Level 3 – Clubs – GOLD
Level 3 – Hoops – GOLD
Level 3 – Ribbon – GOLD
Rhythmic Group Hoop – GOLD
Rhythmic Group Floor Exercise – GOLD

Biography: Amber, from Calgary, says that Special Olympics has taught her to believe in herself and helped her make new friends. An athlete for the past 10 years, Amber participated in the 2014 and 2018 National Games. 2019 will be her first World Games. Her favourite sports are Rhythmic Gymnastics and Figure Skating. She also enjoys Track and Field, Golf and Bowling. Amber's favourite hobbies include multimedia art, painting, stitching, clay and ceramics.



JORDAN MACLEOD

Sport: Swimming

Results: **4x50m Freestyle Relay – GOLD**
200m Backstroke – SILVER
 100m Backstroke – 4th
 100m Freestyle – 5th

Biography: A Calgary native, 26-year-old Jordan has been a Special Olympics athlete for 17 years. She won three Gold medals at the National Games, a Fourth Place finish and a Bronze medal as well. For her first World Games, she wants to win more Gold medals and meet new friends. Jordan's mother was a volunteer for Special Olympics snowshoeing. Jordan's hobbies include cooking and basketball. Her favourite thing to cook by herself is grilled cheese.



JUSTIN THOMPSON

Sport: Swimming

Results: **25m Freestyle – GOLD**
25m Backstroke – GOLD
 4x25m Freestyle Relay – 4th

*Justin has been named the Calgary Booster Club 2018 Special Olympics Athlete of the Year

Biography: 19-year-old Justin from Calgary has been an athlete for seven years. He has three Gold, two Silver and two Bronze medals for Freestyle Backstroke and the Breaststroke. Justin says he was very shy before Special Olympics came into his life, now he is more social and finds it easier to make friends. Justin can't decide which is his favourite sport to play, Swimming or Floor Hockey. His family are very supportive and are his biggest cheerleaders. Justin is excited to attend his first World Games.





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