

3. RECOGNITION

A. SUBJECT

The administration recommends Board of Education recognition for the following individuals.

B. INFORMATION

3.1 Special Olympics Competitors – 2026 Illinois State Summer Games

The 2026 Special Olympics Illinois State Summer Games were held June 12-14 in Bloomington-Normal. Summer Games brings together over 15,000 participants including 3,500 athletes, 1,200 coaches, and 10,000 family members. The athletes and coaches had a team dinner on Friday before watching the final leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run on their way to opening ceremonies. During Opening Ceremonies, the D200 Banner was carried in by Lucas Slabinski, Alex Colin Estrada, Rory Pivnicka and Josh Ingeman in the Parade of Athletes. Saturday night, the athletes and coaches attended the Victory Dance in Uptown Normal. “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.

In addition to honoring the competitors, the Board extends its congratulations to the State coaching team of Jennifer Moskowitz, Cory Knopik, Tamera Tillman, Natia Hong, Michael Vorderer and volunteer coaches Abigail Lara, Zofia Gorgosz, and Elizabeth Moskowitz who have given many hours of their time and talents to this program.

The nine athletes were awarded 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. In order to qualify for the Summer Games, all athletes received a gold medal at their regional event. They continued to train throughout the spring to be ready for the Summer Games in June.

Congratulations to these exceptional student athletes:

Alex Colin-Estrada	Powerlifting
Josh Ingeman	Powerlifting
Grace Durante	Rhythmic Gymnastics Level 1
Kathryn Thomas	Rhythmic Gymnastics Level 3
Aubrey Zientek	Rhythmic Gymnastics Level 2
Henry Carney	Swimming
Rory Pivnicka	Swimming
Angelo Smilgis	Swimming
Lucas Slabinski	Track & Field

C. RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent recommends Board of Education recognition for these individuals.

D. SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to introduce the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 wishes to recognize the contributions of these individuals, and WHEREAS, District 200 has benefited as a result of these accomplishments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 hereby bestows special recognition and a certificate of achievement on behalf of the citizens of the District.