



Global Messenger I Capstone Practicum

Congratulations on successful completion of Global Messenger (GM) I at Athlete Leadership University.

Directions:

- Each GM I attendee must complete at least three speeches in order to:
 - Advance to the next stage of Athlete Leadership University.
- A report form must be filled out immediately following completion of the leadership opportunity via the Special Olympics Pennsylvania [Online Portal](#).
 - Each Global Messenger must be logged into their profile, not their Mentor's.
 - If struggling to log in, please click, "[Trouble Logging In](#)" to access your account or select "Password Reset" to get a new password sent to you instantly.
 - Once logged in, please go to the "My Information" tab and select "Global Messenger I Practicum Report Form".
 - When entering your project, please provide as much detail as possible explaining why YOU believe your project is appropriate for Global Messenger I, especially if it's not one of the recommended projects below.
 - All report forms must be submitted separately.

Leadership Opportunities:

Important note: Please work with your Local Program Management Team to find potential speaking opportunities within the community. As a Global Messenger, in addition to promoting your own involvement in Special Olympics, it's equally important to share with your audience how they can be involved. There may be some situations where you may not be able to answer a question from someone in your audience, so it's important to have your Mentor and/or a Management Team member with you or have them provide additional details in advance that you can share on their behalf. Special Olympics Pennsylvania staff will include your Mentor and Manager in all communications if selected for any state level speaking opportunity. In the event you are approached by someone from an outside organization, please remember to also loop in your Mentor and Manager prior to agreeing to speak.

Examples Of Local Speaking Opportunities With Support From Local Program:

- Schools
- Businesses
- Group Homes
- Community Organizations (Boy/Girl Scouts, Youth Sports Leagues, Best Buddies, etc.)
- City/County Government Leaders
- Speaking at Opening Ceremonies of Local Competition

Examples Of State Level Speaking Opportunities With Support From SOPA Staff:

- Opening Ceremonies or the President's Reception at a state/sectional competition as an emcee or keynote speaker.
- Meeting with employees from corporate partners such as Sheetz, WaWa, Aramark, etc.
- Meeting with Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) Officers.
- Co-emceeing awards banquet at annual Leadership Conference.
 - Selection for state level speaking opportunities are dependent on factors which include, but are not limited to:
 - Overall experience and appropriateness as a Global Messenger.
 - Geographic location.
 - Participation at sectional/state events.
 - Other requests made by SOPA staff such as age, gender, sports, etc.