

## Special Olympians prove their mettle in Columbus games: Scene at the Crossroads



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Those extraordinary gals and guys who compose the Special Olympics' teams did it again during the Summer Games in Columbus. And, **Dana Martin**, the coordinator for the year-round sporting events, was ecstatic in her email about how 29 athletes competed and brought home 49 medals.

In non-ABC order, the gold medalists were **Gary Manning, Phillip Fischer, Lucescu Giriti, Kathy Klatka, Liz Mulhan, Sylvia Serafin, Arielle Brown, Candice Wettera, Stephan Belovic, Darek Richard, Mike Elliot, James Veldhuizen** and **Nate Zatezalo**.

Silver winners were **Mike Daugherty, Jacob D'Orazio, Zoe Zwolenik, Amy Smolko, Candice Wettera, Phillip Fischer, Meghan Drops, Matt Kosik** and **Nate Zatezalo**. Earning bronze medals were **Darek Richard, Stephan Belovic, Matt Daugherty, Mike Elliot, Frank Zachlin, Tommy Doran, Lisa Skinner, Geoff Biro, James Velhuizen, Kathy Klatka, Amy Smolko, Deanna Dilley, Corrie Miller, Lisa Skinner, Adam Davis, James Simna** and **Jon Bennett**.

Rounding out the awards were fourth-place finishers **James Simna, Deanna Dilley, Matt Daugherty, Corrie Miller, Jon Bennett, Meghan Drops** and **Nate Zatezalo**, plus, fifth-placers, **Adam Davis, Arielle Brown, Liz Mulhan, Gary Manning, Tommy Doran, Matt Kosik** and **Nate Zatezalo**.

Wow! High fives to each of you for such a phenomenal competition.

Added Dana: "Great job to my coaches, **Dave and Gail Brown, Dale and Cathy Hawk, Sarah Hawk**, many parents and volunteers. And, of course to our GREAT City Club — they make all of this possible for our special athletes." She's absolutely right about that.