



MEDIA ALERT

6TH ANNUAL PHILADELPHIA UNIFIED SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

12 Philadelphia Schools in attendance (10 competing)

WHERE: George Washington High School | 10175 Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19116

WHEN: Wednesday, May 31, 2018 from 10:00 am – 1:20 pm

VISUAL OPPORTUNITIES:

10:00 AM: Opening Ceremony

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM: Preliminary Games (10:30 am, 11:05 am, 11:40 am)

12:30 PM: Medal Rounds

12:30 PM – 1:15 PM: Awards (on field)

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Special Olympics Pennsylvania's Philadelphia program will partner with the School District of Philadelphia and Philadelphia Charter Schools for the 6th annual Unified Soccer Championship. The Championship matches will feature teams from 10 Philadelphia high schools from across the city including: Abraham Lincoln High School, Frankford High School, Furness High School, George Washington High School, Kensington Health Sciences High School, High School of the Future, Martin Luther King High School, Sayre High School, Thomas Edison High School, and Universal Audenried Charter. In addition, students from Universal Daroff Charter School and Loesche Elementary School will be cheering on their high school counterparts. Approximately 200 athletes and partners will culminate months of preparation for these Unified Games and display the "best of the best" during this year's competition.

WHY:

Special Olympics Unified Sports® is an inclusive sports program that puts athletes with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. This Unified Soccer elective course includes curriculum with youth leadership components, anti-bullying elements and soccer training and competition. The course provides greater access to sports for all students, with and without disabilities.

PARKING:

Ample parking is available in an onsite parking lot.

MEDIA IS WELCOME:

Media is welcome to attend any portion of the event. Interviews are available upon request and can be requested day of.

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