



## Media Alert **Special Events Mgr.:** Kristin Craven, 609-658-6003, [kcraven@specialolympicspa.org](mailto:kcraven@specialolympicspa.org)

### **WHAT – SPECIAL OLYMPICS PA – PHILADELPHIA UCS BOCCÉ CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Philadelphia Unified Champion School (UCS) Bocce Championship is bringing 26 teams from 13 different Philadelphia high schools together to compete in a unified bocce championship. Athletes (students with intellectual disabilities) and partners (students without intellectual disabilities) practiced for over 8 weeks and have competed in 2 Philadelphia League Play Days leading up to the championship. Each team will play in two round-robin games and winners will advance to the semi-finals and finals. Lastly, teams will be awarded based on finish.

### **WHEN – THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019**

- Opening Remarks: **10:00 am – 10:15 am**
- Bocce Competition: **10:20 am – 12:50 pm**
- Awards: **approx 12:30 pm**

### **WHERE – GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

10175 Bustleton Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19116  
Parking is available on-site

### **WHO – 13 PHILADELPHIA HIGH SCHOOLS**

1. Abraham Lincoln High School
2. Ben Franklin High School
3. High School for Creative and Performing Arts
4. George Washington High School
5. Hill Freedman High School
6. Kensington High School
7. Kensington Health Sciences Academy
8. Northeast High School
9. Thomas Edison High School
10. Parkway West High School
11. School of the Future
12. South Philadelphia High School
13. Strawberry Mansion High School

**WHY –** Unified Sports is a movement that is taking over the world. In Special Olympics PA – Philadelphia's Unified Champion School program, unified sports bring together students with and without intellectual disabilities together on the same team to train and compete together. This model allows students to create real friendships that extend beyond sports and creates a more inclusive school culture. Events like the Philadelphia UCS Bocce Championship give students the opportunity to compete while joining together for a more inclusive Philadelphia community.

**NOTE TO ALL MEDIA –** Members of the media are welcome to attend any portion of the Philadelphia UCS Bocce Championship. Contact Kristin Craven at 609-658-6003 to assist with any questions and interviews.

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