



Special Olympics
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CELEBRATING ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

WHAT: Pep rally to present Abraham Lincoln High School with the Special Olympics Unified Champion School National Banner

WHO: Students of George Washington will gather for a pep rally with special guests:

- Abraham Lincoln Assistant Principal, David Lon
- Abraham Lincoln Athletic Director, Ed McGettigan
- President & CEO Special Olympics Pennsylvania: Matt Aaron
- Retired SDP Director of Health, Safety & Physical Education, BettyAnn Creighton
- Director, Special Olympics PA - Philadelphia Chase Trimmer

WHERE: Abraham Lincoln High School (3201 Ryan Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19136)

WHEN: Thursday, December 6 starting at 1:00 pm

WHY: Special Olympics has announced Abraham Lincoln High School is receiving *recognition* as a *national banner* Special Olympics Unified Champion School® for its efforts to provide inclusive sports and activities for students with and without disabilities. The Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools program is aimed at promoting social inclusion through intentionally planned and implemented activities affecting systems-wide change. With sports as the foundation, Unified Champion Schools is based on a comprehensive three component model that combines Unified Sports®, Inclusive Youth Leadership, and Whole School Engagement to create school and community climates of acceptance and inclusion. George Washington High School is receiving this honor as a result of meeting national standards of excellence in the areas of inclusion, advocacy and respect.

NOTE TO MEDIA: Media is welcome to attend any portion of the event. Parking is available on-site. For interviews, please contact Kristin at kcraven@specialolympicspa.org or 609-658-6003 (cell).

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