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Two Special Olympics New Hampshire Athletes Receive Honorary ESPY Awards

ESPN will be recognizing Eunice Kennedy Shriver with the Arthur Ashe Courage Award at the ESPY Awards. This award is a tremendous honor for our founder and the Special Olympics movement today.

Special Olympics Chairman Tim Shriver, one of Eunice Kennedy Shriver's children, will accept the honor on behalf of his mother at The 25th ESPYS Presented by Capital One on Wednesday, 12 July. "My mother was a visionary, but, more importantly, a revolutionary," said Shriver on behalf of the Shriver family and Special Olympics. "Fueled by love and anger, she used sport to break down the barriers, she used fields of play to bring people together, and she opened the doors of inclusion and equality to the most marginalized on Earth. It is now up to all of us to follow the athletes of Special Olympics who can teach us all to accept and include each other."

As part of the 25th annual ESPYS event, Special Olympics athletes around the United States are being honored with local ESPY Awards. These honorees are being recognized by the ESPYS organizers as "amazing, inspirational athletes." Each athlete received a letter of commendation, along with an ESPYS statuette.

Special Olympics New Hampshire is proud to share that two of the twenty-four athletes receiving an honorary ESPY award are from New Hampshire! Jeremy Colter and Pam Langille were both recognized by the ESPY team as a true embodiment of an ESPY athlete.

Pam Langille from Concord competes in cross country skiing, basketball, athletics and golf. Langille is also an active Global Messenger, serving as a spokesperson for Special Olympics around the world.

Jeremy Colter from Lebanon competes in and officiates basketball games at Special Olympics competitions worldwide. Colter said that his ESPY Award "proves that doing so much work over a lifetime, and putting your heart and soul into what you care about, comes back, and it actually shows that people care about what you do."



About Special Olympics New Hampshire

Special Olympics New Hampshire (SONH) is an accredited program of Special Olympics International (SOI) and is part of an international global movement that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sports, every day around the world. We empower people with intellectual disabilities to become accepted and valued members of their communities, which leads to a more respectful and inclusive society for all. Using sports as the catalyst and programming around health and education, Special Olympics is fighting inactivity, injustice and intolerance. Learn more at www.sonh.org.

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