



Christopher Beylo

Year of Induction: **2011**

Year of Graduation: **2003**

There is a common oath that all Special Olympics athletes must take when participating, “Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.” Christopher Beylo, JCHS Class of 2003, has taken this oath on countless occasions during his competitions, and he has truly lived the spirit of these words throughout his time as a student-athlete in Johnson City.

Anyone who has had the pleasure of getting to know Mr. Beylo understands the passion he has for athletics. Over the course of his time as a competitor with the Johnson City Special Olympics Club since 1998, Chris has participated in soccer, bowling, volleyball, swimming, basketball, track and field, and golf. In 2006, he was a member of a soccer team that received the gold medal at the national competition in Iowa. During his four years at Johnson City High School (1999-2003), Chris was a member of the varsity track team. In 2010, Chris received the distinction of being named the Broome-Tioga Special Olympics Male Athlete of the Year.

Chris’ love for athletics and competition is an inspiration to all. His Special Olympics coaches note, “Chris gives it his all, and he is a leader on and off the field. He is truly a coach’s dream: athletically talented, hard-working, coachable, enjoyable personality, and a team leader. Chris has the ability to use his words to cheer up and encourage anyone he interacts with; he is a model for how we as people should treat each other.”

In addition to the accolades received from his participation in Special Olympics, Chris has always possessed the true ‘Wildcat Spirit’. Through his competitive spirit, support for teammates, and unwavering commitment to sport, Chris has inspired everyone in the Johnson City community to take pride in being a Wildcat.

Mr. Beylo has experienced the joy of winning, and he has always been courageous in competition. By doing so, he has earned the respect and admiration of his coaches, teammates, and competitors alike. The Johnson City Athletic Hall of Fame is proud to welcome Christopher Beylo, JCHS Class of 2003.