

Caesars Entertainment Celebrates Six Nevada Special Olympians On Their Way to 2022 USA Games

Athletes Experienced Special “Walk of Honor” Send-Off, Celebrity Chef Surprises, Thrilling Attractions and More

LAS VEGAS (June 6, 2022) – To celebrate the six Nevada athletes competing in this year’s Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando, Caesars Entertainment sent the athletes off to the Games in true Las Vegas fashion. The send-off event featured a “walk of honor” where the athletes were cheered on by Caesars Entertainment Leadership and Team Members, Las Vegas Raiders punter, AJ Cole and Las Vegas Raiders wide receiver, Mack Hollins, Caesar and Cleopatra, Las Vegas Aces mascot, Bucket\$, Henderson Silver Knights mascot, Lucky and members of southern Nevada’s law enforcement agencies as they got into their limos for a police-escorted ride to Harry Reid International Airport.

“We’re truly honored to host these athletes as they make their way to the Special Olympic Games in Orlando,” said Michael Grey, Special Olympics Nevada board member and SVP of Finance Las Vegas Region for Caesars Entertainment. “We wanted to create an experience that they’ll never forget to show our support and wish them luck as they represent our state in the 2022 Special Olympic USA Games.”

“We wanted to create an unforgettable send-off for these incredible athletes, something that would ensure that they felt not only the Team at Caesars’ support but support from the state of Nevada as they headed for the national games,” said Anthony Carano, President & COO of Caesars Entertainment. “I think what we didn’t expect was for this event to be just as impactful to us. Having the opportunity to meet athletes like Lakisha Taylor and hearing how the opportunity to compete in track and field has empowered her is incredibly inspiring. I know our Team Members will be joining me as we watch Lakisha and the entire Nevada Special Olympic Delegation compete this week in Orlando.”

The Special Olympics Nevada (SONV) athletes received five-star treatment from the Caesars team during their stay before heading to Orlando. After an overnight at Caesars Palace, the group enjoyed breakfast at the world-famous Bacchanal Buffet, lunch at Celebrity Chef Guy Fieri’s Vegas Kitchen, a ride on the High Roller Wheel and zip lining at FlyLINQ at the LINQ Hotel & Experience. The day wrapped up with a special dinner and presentation at HELL’S KITCHEN at Caesars Palace where Celebrity Chef Gordon Ramsay surprised the athletes with a video congratulating them and wishing them luck at this year’s Games. The group also received honorary Chef coats from HELL’S KITCHEN and Caesars Entertainment Team Members.

“On behalf of Special Olympics Nevada, I want to extend a huge thank you to Caesars Entertainment for the incredible day of activities and unforgettable send-off event they hosted for our USA Games athletes, coaches, advisory board members and SONV staff,” said Terrence Thornton, executive director of Special Olympics Nevada. “Caesars’ support has added to the incredible experience of the USA Games that our athletes will take with them for years to come.”

The 2022 Special Olympics USA Games, presented by Jersey Mike’s Subs, will bring 5,500 athletes and coaches from all 50 states and the Caribbean to Florida for one of the country’s most cherished sporting events. The USA Games is hosted once every four years and, for the first time in its history, will have 19 Olympic-style team and individual sports and 30 events throughout the event. These USA Games will also celebrate the 50th anniversary of Special Olympics Florida.

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About Special Olympics Nevada

SONV is dedicated to enriching the lives of children and adults with intellectual disabilities through sports, education, leadership, and athlete health. The 501(c)3 nonprofit organization offers free year-round training and competition programs for 2,694 athletes who compete in more than 14 competitions in 7 sports annually. Within the Community Sports Program and the Schools Partnership Program, SONV is encouraging the growth of Unified Sports®, bringing together athletes with and without intellectual disabilities to play as teammates. In a typical year, SONV impacts more than 21,283 students by promoting inclusion on school campuses. SONV is also committed to improving the overall health and well-being of individuals with intellectual disabilities through Healthy Athletes events, offering screenings and services free of charge. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the organization was able to convert its programming to virtual platforms to keep people with intellectual disabilities healthy and safe. SONV relies on the support of 1,670 volunteers and funding from individuals, organizations, corporations, and foundations. More information may be found by visiting www.sonv.org and following on Facebook, Twitter (@SONevada), and Instagram (@specialolympicsnv).

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