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## Special Olympics holds spring games at Walkertown High

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More than 900 athletes ages 3 and up from all around Forsyth County gathered at Walkertown High School's football stadium last week for the Special Olympics Forsyth County Spring Games.

The games were scheduled to start on Tuesday, April 25 but the opening ceremonies that were to be held on Tuesday were canceled because of rain. Wednesday and Thursday were clear and beautiful days for the athletes to compete in track and field events, such as relay races; softball throw; 50 and 100 meter dash; and

walk and wheelchair races. The games ended Thursday, April 27.



"I am overly excited especially considering the weather from Tuesday," said Latoya Price, Special Olympics Forsyth County local coordinator. "To be able to come out here yesterday and today to host this huge event and see the smiles on the ath-

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Photo by Timothy Ramsey

A group of adult males compete in the 50 yard dash during the Special Olympics.

## Speedster Joseph Littlejohn provides versatility



Photo by Mary Ann Magnant

Parkland track and field athlete Joseph Littlejohn, loves the competition he receives from his Mustang teammates.

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As a youth, Parkland High School junior Joseph Littlejohn says he used to get into a little bit of trouble from time to time. He says his father introduced him to the sport of track and field to find another outlet for him to release his energy in a constructive manner.

He says he immediately was drawn to the sport once he first stepped foot on the track. His favorite events on the track are the 100 and 200 meter dash.

Littlejohn is a very unique runner as he has tremendous range in the length of

**"My coaches have really inspired me. They saw what was in me before I even knew what was in me."**

—Joseph Littlejohn

He has run the 100, 200 and 400 meter dash along with the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 meter

relay races. He has even long jumped in a previous meet.

Littlejohn started his high school

career at Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy but transferred to Parkland in 2016. He says he was somewhat a big fish in a small pond because of the smaller size of the Phoenix team. He thinks with the added competition on the Mustang team ignore it has allowed him to get better as a runner.

"It's a different atmosphere when you come over here [Parkland]," Littlejohn said. "As soon as I got here, everyone here welcomed me with open arms. Over here it is more competitive and you have more people to push you."

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## Hampton, Moore named WSSU Student-Athletes of the Year

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The Winston-Salem State University Department of Athletics commemorated the 2016-17 athletic and academic year with the annual ACE Awards ceremony held Monday, April 24, at the K.R. Williams Auditorium.

Team award recipients and student-athletes were recognized for their athletic and academic excellence across all 10 varsity sports and cheerleading at the awards ceremony.

Women's track and

field member, Ty-Leah Hampton, and football player, Kerrion Moore, took home the top student-athlete awards, being named the Mary Garber Female & Male Student-Athletes of the Year.

Cross-Country & women's track and field coach, Inez Turner, along with football coach, Kienus Boulware, were named Coaches of the Year.

**Student-Athlete Awards**

**Baseball**

Most Outstanding Hitter, Ivan Acuna  
Most Outstanding Pitcher, Seth Reeves  
Coach's Award, Randy Norris  
Golden Glove, Landon Steiner  
Rookie Award, James Martin

**Football**  
Most Valuable Defensive Player, Cameron Sullivan  
Most Valuable Offensive Player, Rod Tinsley  
Defensive Coach's Award, Amyl Smith

Offensive Coach's Award, Demeeko Jones  
Rookie Award, Tyrell Flemming  
Team Most Valuable Player, Kerrion Moore

**Men's Basketball**  
Most Improved, Michael Pippins  
Most Valuable Player, William Crandell  
Most Valuable Offensive Player, Robert Colon  
Most Valuable Defensive Player, Xavier Mills  
Ram Award, Michael Adams

**Men's Cross Country**  
Braveheart Award, Kadeem Sherrill  
Iron Man Award, Cory Gerald  
Most Valuable Runner, Mitchell Brown

**Red Team Cheerleaders**  
Most Outstanding Cheerleader, Niyah Sansbury  
Hustle Award, Quartney Ross  
Most Improved, Daisha Early  
Rookie Award, Courtney Samuels

Spirit Award, Destiny Wylie

**Softball**  
Versatile Player of the Year, Mercedes Hargett  
Most Improved, Jasmine Holloman  
Best Defensive Player, Rebecca Demko  
Ram Award, Chyna Riley

**Volleyball**  
Most Valuable Player, Jasmine Smith  
Most Valuable Offensive Player, Mia

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