



PRESS RELEASE

## Division I State Farm Coaches' All-Americans Will Coach St. Louis Special Olympics YES Clinics

ATLANTA, Ga. (April 3, 2009) -- The 2009 Division I State Farm Coaches' All-America Team will volunteer at the NCAA's Youth Education through Sports (YES) program partnered with the Special Olympics in St. Louis, Mo., on Sun., April 5, in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

Members of the All-America Team will assist local Special Olympic participants in enhancing their sports skills, conditioning skills and life skills. The team will also stress the importance of sportsmanship and teamwork. The clinics take place at the Hoop City venues and will be conducted by Betsy Blose, head coach of the University of North Carolina-Asheville, and her staff with the help of the All-America Team. The Special Olympics YES Clinic aims to give area Special Olympic athletes the opportunity to be a part of the championship experience.

The State Farm Coaches' All-America Team is volunteering as a part of the WBCA National Convention in conjunction with the NCAA Women's Final Four taking place April 3 -7. This marks the 28th WBCA National Convention and the 35th class of All-Americans as presented by the WBCA.

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### About the NCAA YES Program

The Youth Education through Sports (YES) Program is the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA's) premiere outreach to youth across the country. Held at select NCAA championship sites, thousands of youths ages 10 to 16 annually are exposed to YES Clinics in a variety of sports. Collegiate coaches from around the country are recruited by the YES Program and are invited to select a student-athlete, and travel to the championship site to conduct instructional sessions for participants. YES Clinics annually attract the best and brightest coaches and student-athletes who are dedicated to teaching and caring for youth. The NCAA YES Program is another way that coaches and student-athletes demonstrate the Association's commitment to challenging young people to strive for higher levels of achievement in both athletics

and academics.

### About the Special Olympics

Special Olympics is an international organization that changes lives by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities, promoting acceptance for all, and fostering communities of understanding and respect worldwide. Founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the Special Olympics movement has grown from a few hundred athletes to nearly 3 million athletes in over 180 countries in all regions of the world providing year round sports training, athletic competition and other related programs. Special Olympics now takes place everyday changing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities in places like China and from regions like the Middle East to the community playgrounds and ball fields in every small neighborhood's backyard. Special Olympics provides people with intellectual disabilities continuing opportunities to realize their potential, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience joy and friendship. Visit Special Olympics at [www.specialolympics.org](http://www.specialolympics.org).