



SEATTLE SPECIAL OLYMPIAN CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES AT GLOBAL CONGRESS



Seattle Special Olympian Angela Martin has been chosen to represent Washington State and the United States at the Special Olympics 2010 Global Congress, in Marrakech, Morocco June 7-10, 2010.

Special Olympics International is sponsoring the world-wide meeting in Morocco to discuss and formulate a Global Strategic Plan. Ms. Martin will be one of only 16 delegates representing the United States and join 475 delegates from 228 Special Olympics programs in nearly 170 countries for the three-day forum of collaboration and celebration. The Global Congress will bring together key leaders and stakeholders of Special

Olympics from all corners of the world with the goal of shaping the future of Special Olympics which today is the leading global organization for people with intellectual disabilities.

"Angela was the obvious choice" according to Beth Wojick, Special Olympics Washington CEO, "First, she's an active board member; we were looking for someone who was a quality athlete with character, meaning someone who was a good competitor and team mate; and we were looking for someone who was a good speaker and would eagerly participate in the many meetings that week". "And finally, said Wojick, "we wanted someone who had extensive knowledge of the organization; Angela met and surpassed all of the criteria".

Ryan Dudley, CPCU President/CEO for Grange Insurance Association, where Angela is employed as an administrative clerk, has nothing but admiration for his much appreciated employee. "Her unwavering dedication is present in everything she does" he states. "She eagerly accepts and learns new job responsibilities and can always be counted on to handle each one efficiently, cheerfully and to completion. She is a pleasure to work with and a valuable member of our team".

Jim Wigfall, Special Olympics Washington Board Chair, Robert Kunold, Jr., Board Chair Elect and Wojick will be traveling, at their own expense, with Angela to the Kingdom of Morocco where they will join other Special Olympics Executives, CEO's athletes and representatives from around the world in strategic discussions that will help shape the future of Special Olympics globally for the next 40 years.