



# I am a Champion.

We are her advocate.



**Becca Tincknell** takes initiative and leads by example in every area of her life. Becca turned the high school job she loved into a lifelong career at the Byrnes Mill McDonald's, where she now works as an employee trainer and friendly cashier. With over 20 years of experience, it's no wonder new hires look to her for guidance. Becca's memory and multitasking efficiency make her a customer favorite and drive-through star. She can recognize a regular customer instantly and starts working on their order before they even finish parking. It's her genuine personal connection that won Becca the "Dave Service Award" in 2015. The Dave Award recognizes individuals whose welcoming, friendly presence brings something extraordinary to the customers they serve. With small gestures like a warm smile and greeting-by-name, Becca makes people feel they matter.

After work, Becca swaps her nametag for a jersey and hits the court as a powerhouse Special Olympics athlete. She has travelled nationally and internationally to compete in seven sports, including bocce, track, bowling, softball, basketball, flag football, and tennis. When asked how it feels to balance her athletic pursuits with her career, Becca smiles and simply says, "It's fun!"

As a trained Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) Global Messenger, Becca is more than an athlete; she's a champion for others. She travelled to Washington D.C. to meet with legislators and ask for support and funding for the Special Olympics programs she loves and leads, including the Athlete Leadership Program (ALP). Becca graduated with a diploma in Technology as part of the inaugural class of ALP in 2017, blazing the trail for other individuals like herself to continue their education. She is currently working on her second major in coaching and has even begun co-teaching ALP classes. Becca was inducted into the Special Olympics Hall of Fame on June 26, 2021 in recognition of her athletic excellence and outstanding work as teacher, coach, advocate, and mentor in the SOMO community.

When she isn't hard at work at the counter, court, or classroom, Becca spends her time making Lego art. Her specialty is creating models of her favorite sports venues from memory, showing her gratitude for those who serve her community by filling the best seats with military service members and first-responders.

LaVanda, Becca's Service Coordinator at Developmental Disability Advocates, takes great pride in connecting Becca with the programs where she thrives. Her biggest supporters are her mom and stepdad. From driving Becca to work, to competing with Becca as a Unified Partner at the Seattle Special Olympics, her parents are proud participants and cheerleaders in Becca's life.

With a humility born of confidence and a smile that comes from the heart, Becca is an impressive and accomplished individual who empowers others through her own excellence in everything she does.

