

From Siloed to Celebrated:
The Tragedy & Triumph Behind Special Olympics
Transcript of Williams's Talk About Special Olympics Video

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What do you think of when you see someone like me? I am here today to challenge you to look at us as equals. Special Olympics transforms the self-identity of athletes with intellectual disabilities and the perceptions of everyone watching. Lots of people doubted that people with intellectual disabilities could benefit from fitness programs and sports competition opportunities. But pioneers like Dr. Hayden and Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the founder of Special Olympics, persevered, and Special Olympics athletes have proved them right, four-and-a-half million times over.