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welcome you to
THE WHITE HOUSE

in celebration of

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

AND

A UNIFIED GENERATION



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#### SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The President and First Lady are honored to host "A Celebration of Special Olympics and A Unified Generation" at the White House to mark the 46th anniversary of the Special Olympics.

With more than 4 million athletes and 80,000 sports, health, and education events every year, Special Olympics continues to inspire people around the world with the simple message that every citizen has gifts and deserves a chance to develop and share them—on and off the playing field.

From Afghanistan and China to Italy, Panama, and more than 170 other countries, Special Olympics is inspiring a new generation to lead the fight for justice, tolerance, and inclusion. This is the Unified Generation—a generation led by those with intellectual disabilities and their friends, families, and neighbors, all coming together to rise above our differences and create a better future for us all.

It is a vision of hope each of us can do our part to help achieve—a vision that will be on display at the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles. The President and First Lady are proud to serve as honorary chairs for those games and once again welcome athletes from around the world to the United States.

#### **PROGRAM**

### Voices of A Unified Generation

Selections by
KATY PERRY



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Katy Perry cemented her status as a best-selling superstar with the global success of her second studio album, "Teenage Dream," which debuted at No. 1 in eight countries and spent more than two years on Billboard's Top 200 album sales chart. She became the only female artist to have five No. 1 singles from one album on the Billboard Hot 100 chart ("California Gurls," "Teenage Dream," "Firework," "E.T." and "Last Friday Night"). The special edition, "Teenage Dream: The Complete Confection," added "Part of Me" and "Wide Awake" to Perry's list of nine Top 40 chart-toppers (dating back to her multiplatinum debut album, 2008's "One of the Boys," which generated four hit singles: "I Kissed A Girl," "Hot N Cold," "Thinking of You" and "Waking Up In Vegas"). "Roar," the first single from her new album, "Prism," became Perry's 10th No. 1 Top 40 track after debuting at No. 1 on iTunes in 68 countries with 557,024 downloads in its first week of release, the biggest digital song sales week of 2013. A successful follow-up single, "Unconditionally", was released in late 2013, followed by "Dark Horse", which helped Perry set the record at Top 40 for most total weeks (46) at No. 1 in the Billboard airplay chart's archives. She is currently touring the world on her Prismatic World Tour.

#### **SPEAKERS**

SEAN BOGART is a youth advocate and Special Olympics athlete from Hamden, Conn. He and his Unified teammate competed in the 2014 USA Games triathlon and took home the bronze—a huge feat in the face of Sean's recent spinal surgery. Sean also enjoys swimming, basketball, floor hockey, flag football and golf.

KENNETH BROWN is a youth advocate and leader from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and a Special Olympics Unified Sports teammate. He joined Special Olympics because of his twin brother, who has an intellectual disability. His goal is to empower other young people. At his school, he is starting a tutoring program on academics and leadership skills for students with and without intellectual disabilities.

LORETTA CLAIBORNE is a Special Olympics athlete and member of the Special Olympics International Board of Directors. She is a world-class competitor, twice finishing with the top-100 women runners in the Boston Marathon. Loretta holds honorary doctorates from Quinnipiac University and Villanova University. Her life was the subject of the Disney film, "The Loretta Claiborne Story."

DANIELLE LIEBL is a youth advocate and Special Olympics athlete from Richmond, Minnesota. She graduated from the College of St. Benedict with a double major in Peace Studies and Theology, and recently won the Peace First Prize fellowship. Danielle is constantly pushing for the rights of people with intellectual disabilities.

BRINA KEI MAXINO is a youth advocate, inspirational speaker and Special Olympics athlete from the Philippines. She has led nine awareness campaigns and helped introduce the "Special Olympics Get Into It" and "Young Athletes" curricula to Colegio San Agustin. She was featured in a TV movie about her life, titled "My Beautiful Daughter."

RICARDO THORNTON, SR. is a Special Olympics athlete and recent appointee to the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. He is a longtime advocate for the closing of institutions for people with intellectual disabilities. He and his wife of 30 years, Donna, met as residents of the Forest Haven institution. Their lives were the focus of a TV movie, titled "Profoundly Normal."

MATTHEW WILLIAMS is a Special Olympics International Global Messenger and member of the International Board of Directors. He also serves as Chairman of the Third Special Olympics Athlete Congress. Matthew enjoys swimming, track and field, floor hockey, and curling, and won two medals at Canada's Summer Games.

