

Special Olympics recognizes Tec for work on inclusion



Special Olympics has given an award to **Tec de Monterrey's Puebla campus** thanks to the work of student volunteers in support of people with intellectual disabilities.

"A five-year collaboration with Special Olympics has been rewarded with this recognition," says **Andrea Corrales**, the director of Social Education at Puebla campus.

Special Olympics is a global movement that integrates people with intellectual disabilities into society, through health, education, leadership, and sports programs.



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Corrales points out that **Special Olympics** only gives these awards to Unified Champion Schools that **meet and maintain inclusive standards of excellence**.

The work of Tec volunteers

Tec de Monterrey's Puebla campus was awarded this recognition thanks to more than **49,000 hours of community service, benefiting 100 athletes**.

280 students have taken part in the program, 2 of whom have become assistant coaches, 2 have become administrative volunteers, and one has become a volunteer judge.

Altogether, the volunteers have achieved **over 500 hours of training** on-site prior to the pandemic and virtually during the pandemic.

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The students who made the greatest contribution are **Ricardo Badillo**, bocce coach; **Moisés Saldívar**, swimming advisor; **Julio Solar**, assistant coach; and **Samuel Huerta** and **Daniela Alvarado** for developing an application.

Special Olympics was founded in **1968**. It has programs in **200 countries** serving **5 million** athletes. It's been in **Mexico for 33 years** and serves **38,600** athletes from **28 states**.

This international organization has coverage in **Puebla** via **29 clubs in 25 municipalities**. Its athletes aim to strengthen their mobility in different sports.

Liderazgo. Los alumnos de ITESM que se involucran en los proyectos, participan activamente en los entrenamientos deportivos, en la organización de eventos, así como en la planeación y realización de algunos proyectos propuestos por ellos mismos.



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Sports are practiced via **15 disciplines**, with **soccer** being the most popular sport.

Before the pandemic, athletes competed at local, regional, and national level. **They even attended international events, which motivated them.**

Puebla Campus: the first to receive recognition

Puebla is the first campus at **Tecnológico de Monterrey** to receive this recognition, which makes it something special for **Andrea Corrales**.

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According to **Corrales**, this recognition certifies that **Tec de Monterrey and Special Olympics** work closely together to show what people with intellectual disabilities can do.

*“We want **the Tec community to be sensitive** to the issues faced by people with intellectual disabilities when actively participating in our society.”*

The **Special Olympics** recognition is awarded to Unified Champion Schools, as well as to instructors with **5 years of active participation** in this organization.

*“It’s not only the students that get involved, but also **Tec staff and faculty** who participate in the organization’s programs.”*

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- ✓ Patinaje sobre Ruedas

- ✓ Floor Ball
- ✓ Hockey sobre Duela
- ✓ Patinaje de Figura sobre Hielo
- ✓ Patinaje de Velocidad sobre Hielo



width="900" loading="lazy"> **How the Tec contributes**

*“Despite the pandemic, the activities have continued. **The organization was able to adapt very well to online teaching**, and the students wanted to continue participating.”*

Before the pandemic, the athletes **trained at the Puebla campus facilities thanks to help from the Student Leadership and Education (LiFE) department.**

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What’s more, **students from Puebla campus have taken part in community service projects** through subjects focused on social impact projects.

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