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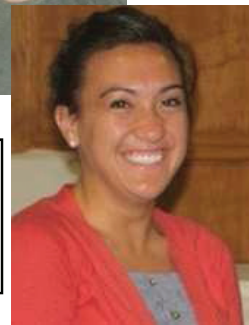
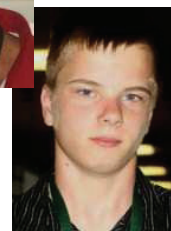
The 35th Michigan Victory Games were a Great Success!

It was a very successful 2011 Michigan Victory Games (MVG) at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Can you believe that for 35 years MVG has brought competition to many athletes with disabilities? This year we had over 100 athletes and coaches. The weather was very cooperative and Shaw Hall was very accommodating for all of us and helped the temporary change go smoothly. Fun times were had by all with Team Night and the Saturday night dance. Check out pictures on the website and facebook. They are great!

This year four awards were given at the MVG banquet on Saturday night. Awards were given to:

- RC Ortiz - Athlete of the Year**
- Jordan Katterjohn - Junior Athlete of the Year**
- Emily VanderZwaag - Coach of the Year**
- Kelsey Gibson - Volunteer of the Year**

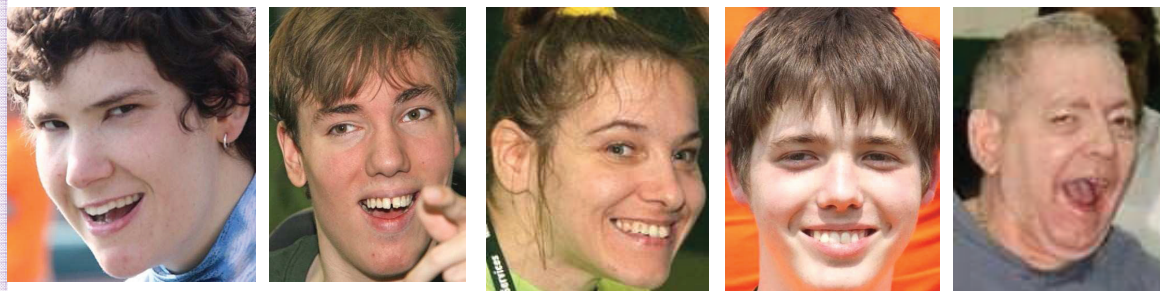
Congratulations to All!



MAY 17-20, 2012 MICHIGAN VICTORY GAMES

Membership Drive - get new MiDSA members to join for \$15 each.

The more people you get to join MiDSA the better your chances of winning the grand prize at the Awards presentation on Saturday night. Forms are on www.MichiganVictoryGames.org



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My Spin.....

I found my outlet roughly a decade ago. I was no longer amused by driving my wheelchair way too fast while shopping at Meijer. When I discovered the Grand Rapids Eagles, they gave me a much sought after platform for my need for speed, and my career as a Disabled Athlete began.

After joining the Grand Rapids team in the fall I became aware of the Michigan Victory Games, a gathering held each May at Michigan State University where fellow athletes from around the region get together and compete for 3 days in all kinds of events from track & field to wheelchair obstacle courses and Bocca Ball. I remember my first year wheeling into Case Hall, seeing the lobby full of athletes and coaches, the room a buzz with energy. The days were long, the fellowship was great and the competition was a blast. The Eagles did well as a team and I excelled personally but it wasn't the number of ribbons I won that made it great, it was the event as a whole. Games staff and volunteers ran the events well, athletes gave it their all and I had the time of my life!

MiDSA Board Member.

Michael J. Chambers,



My life as an athlete has changed me a lot. I've done things that I didn't know I could do. The friends that I've made during attending these Games I've treated them like a second family. Now that I'm on the Board, I can see what more I can do to make my experience at the Games better in the future.

Jonathan Bowie
2012 Athlete Rep.



Michael Chambers also adds:

Michigan Victory Games is a high caliber event offering great athletic and social opportunities for people with a primary physical diagnosis. The competition continues to heat up. Tell your friends and help spread the word: MVG 2012 this May!

Michigan Victory Games - Sports By Ability...Not Disability

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