

# meet our athletes



**Special Olympics**  
*Louisiana*  
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**Name:** Virgil Atkinson

**Home Town:** Livingston, La

**Special Olympics Louisiana Area:**  
Florida Parishes

**Special Olympics Sports participated in:**  
Bowling, Athletics

**National Games Sport:** Bowling

**Years Involved:** 20

## **Accomplishments:**

“World Summer Games participant 2007, Special Olympics Louisiana Athlete of the Year 2008, Worker of the Year at the Livingston Activity Center 2006, and High School Diploma in 2006.”

## **How has Special Olympics changed your life?**

“Made me a better person. Made new friends around the world. Always wanting to help in anything Special Olympics need.”

## **What does Special Olympics and attending National Games mean to you?**

“Meeting more new friends and having fun.”

## **Interests or Hobbies:**

“Collecting model 18 wheelers.”

## **Extra:**

Virgil has won SOLA male athlete of the year and represented Louisiana at the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in China .