

Newtown Blue Blaze

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~ History of Newtown Unified Sports ~



Newtown Unified Sports began as a brainchild of a student for his junior-senior project. The first season was basketball during the winter of 2013-14, with a total of 11 members (5 athletes, 6 partners). Since that first season, we have expanded our repertoire to include soccer, track & field, volleyball and whiffle ball. The program has grown exponentially, with a total of 75 team members on this year's basketball team (22 athletes, 53 partners). Unified Sports is now one of the most popular activities at Newtown High School. Unified Sports team members have contributed to making our high school a kinder and more inclusive place.





Zachary Calderbank
Grade 10

Blue Blaze #14

Zachary is thrilled to have the opportunity to participate in the 2019 Youth Games. He has been involved in Unified Basketball in both high school and middle school. In the fall, he plays trumpet in the Newtown High School marching band. Zach loves movies and talking about them. He is quiet, but has a great sense of humor and enjoys a good joke.



Blue Blaze #3

Kai-li has participated in Newtown's Unified program since her freshman year. Kai-li is passionate about inclusion and acceptance of all people regardless of their ability and serves on various Unified leadership boards at the state, town and school levels. During her junior year, Kai-li orchestrated "The Little Feet Meet", a Unified Track and Field meet for elementary children in Newtown. Kai-li plans to attend Eastern Connecticut State University in the fall.



Kai-li Davey
Grade 12



Blue Blaze #21

Logan Flynn has participated in Newtown High Schools Unified program since his freshman year. He enjoys every minute being a mentor and will miss the team camaraderie when he graduates and goes to college in the fall. Logan will be pursuing a teaching degree.



Logan Flynn
Grade 12





Jaclyn Magoon
NHS Transition

Blue Blaze #2

Jackie has always been a very social and engaging young lady. Friendly and happy, she approaches challenges with an enthusiastic spirit and a smile. Team work is something she enjoys and takes to heart. Jackie has been a member of every Unified Sports team since her freshman year. She is looking forward to traveling with her teammates and coaches to represent Newtown Unified Basketball with pride.



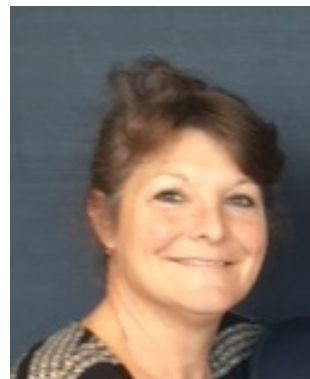
Sophia Spraggins
Grade 12

Blue Blaze #34

Sophia is 17 years old and is a senior at the Newtown High School. She is a hard worker and a natural leader who is on the executive board of Unified Sports and Best Buddies in her high school. Sophia loves Unified sports, especially cheerleading, since she loves to dance, sing and perform. She is infatuated with cartoons and theme parks and dreams to work for Disney someday. She lives with her parents and younger sister.



Coaches



Mrs. Kathleen Davey
Unified Coach

Kathleen is truly grateful and honored to have been an educator and coach at Newtown High School for the past 20 years. Five years ago, when a male student asked her to help him “make a difference,” she never imagined the positive impact Unified Sports would have on the high school community. This simple request led to a Unified Sports program that empowers, accepts and respects all students regardless of ability. It also creates amazing friendships both in and out of a school day.



Margaret O'Callaghan
Assistant Unified
Coach

Margaret O'Callaghan has been a special education teacher for 32 years, and a Unified Sports coach for 5. Unified Sports has been a high point in her career and life. She is thrilled to be part of the team that's representing Connecticut.

