

Why it Matters

Adapted floor hockey manager Quincy Jackson explains how she fell in love with the role

The core of every team centers around a sense of belonging, and for **Quincy Jackson '27**, that's exactly what she found. Jackson became involved in the Unified PE mentorship for this past year and formed many new friendships. When the opportunity to manage the adapted floor hockey team arose, Jackson jumped at the opportunity.

"I already had multiple unified classes. I really liked [my peers], so I just wanted to be with them more."

Every day consisted of different routines for Jackson; some days she headed over to St. Michael for practice, otherdays she filled up the players' water at a game. Regardless of her role, the unified hockey team is something she strongly values—where she found many of her core high school memories.

"One of my favorite moments managing adapted floor hockey was during an intense game when Jed was sitting next to me watching his team play. When they scored, he jumped up and started dancing with pure joy, and the smile on his face was so big and bright it completely made my day."

Jackson especially enjoyed seeing the team overcome difficult games and looked forward to watching them face Moorhead.

"Seeing his [Jed] excitement and how much he celebrates every moment reminded me just how special this team is and how much heart each player brings to the game."

Through her involvement in adapted floor hockey, Jackson found connections and a sense of belonging that went beyond just a managerial role—instead, the community was rooted in inclusivity and joy.

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Over
70 Member
Schools

1000
Annual
Student
Participants

Number
of Buffalo
Students
Playing:
4

Schools
Make-up the
Coyotes **3**

Bison Connection students show off their costumes at the Bison Connection Harvest Festival



Coyotes UNDEFEATED
go
heading into the Adapted Soccer
State Tournament



Q & A
with
Jed Theisen '29

What is
adaptive
PE?

"It's a big
gym for us to
practice for
our games."

What are
your favorite
sports to
play?

"I like playing
soccer, hockey
and softball."

How are you
guys doing
this season?

"We're doing
really well. We
play hard, and
we have fun."



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athletics
adaptive sports **101**