

Eric Rimel

Youth Stars of Tomorrow

Meritorious Service



Eric Rimel was born September 17, 1999. He is the son of Katie and Corey Rimel of Ocean City MD. Eric Attended Stephen Decatur High School and Worcester Technical High School where he earned his Certified Nursing Assistant license and was inducted into National Technical Honor Society. He is now pursuing a nursing degree at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury MD.

Eric began bowling at age 5 at Ocean Lanes in Ocean City MD in 2004. He quickly grasped the concepts of bowling and lane courtesy at a young age earning him a Sportsmanship award in 2006. When he was in ninth grade he was required to do ten hours of community service for his government class and he choose to volunteer with the Peewee bowling league. That 10 hours ended up being over one hundred and forty hours over the next 4 years. During those years Eric started coaching the Peewee's at age 15 became a Level 1 coach at age 17. Once he was old enough he became a registered volunteer at age 18 for the Lower Shore USBC.

While Eric was at Stephen Decatur High School he became a member of The Unified Sports teams including the inaugural year of bowling. Unified Sports is part of the Special Olympic Sports program that combines children with special needs with regular students. In his three years of bowling he earned the most valuable player award all three years and two sportsmanship awards.

Eric a type 1 diabetic since age 10 has grown up in Camp Possibilities. In a way to assist other children with type 1 diabetes to get to camp along with his parents Spaghetti for Possibilities was created in seven years they have raised \$70,000. Eric has taken a huge role in collecting donations for the auctions, mentoring younger children in assisting with the fund raiser, and speaking on behalf of the camp to organizations to promote awareness for the camp. He feels that Camp changed his life and he does not want any kid to be denied the opportunity of Camp based on financial needs.

In 2017 Eric was nominated by Jeff Dietz the director of Camp Possibilities along with Marcus Smith from Ocean Lanes for the prestigious Jefferson Award for his service to the Camp Possibilities and

USBC of the Lower Shore. He was awarded the Jefferson Award on the local level and then represented the State of MD for a Jaqueline Kennedy Onasis Award for Community Service in Washington DC.

Eric continues to bowl in two leagues at Ocean Lanes and has recently bowled in his first Pro-Am events. He is thrilled and honored that his best friend and “Bowling Sister” Kate Koontz is being honored this year as well for her Superior Performance for Youth Star of Tomorrow.

