



1969–2019

Chris Perdue

*2017 Athlete of the Year*



**Special Olympics**  
Indiana



## SPIRIT OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS INDIANA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR 2017

Chris Perdue (ROD) is a snowboarder—among the first to take up the sport when it became an official Winter Games event in Indiana and among the best in the years since, winning gold every year since 2014. In February 2016, he was selected to join Team USA and compete at the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria, where his hard work and dedication paid off with a gold medal finish. Chris's achievements have also inspired many of his fellow athletes and given them the courage to try new sports like snowboarding.



*"You are the stars and the world is watching you. By your presence, you send a message to every city, every village, every nation. A message of hope, a message of victory."*

**Eunice Kennedy Shriver**

*1987 International Games, South Bend, Indiana*