# **Camp Abilities News**

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June 23, 2018 - Staff and Coaches Arrive

# Meet the Staff

#### Director - Lauren Lieberman

• Lauren Lieberman, PhD, earned her doctorate in adapted physical education at Oregon State University with an emphasis on sensory impairments. She taught at Perkins School for the Blind. Lieberman is currently a professor and teaches APE at The College at Brockport, State University of New York. She has co-authored several books including: Strategies for Inclusion, Games for People with Sensory Impairments, Going Places: Transition Guidelines for Physical Activity for Children with Visual Impairments, Paraeducators in Physical Education, and continues to do research in this area.





#### **Assistant Director - Tiffany Mitrakos**

Tiffany Mitrakos, MEd, earned her Bachelor's & Master's degree in Adapted Physical Education from The College at Brockport. She also earned second Master's degree to be a teacher for the visually impaired at The University of Northern Colorado, and is employed through the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. This will be Tiffany's tenth summer with Camp Abilities Brockport. Tiffany has presented at state and national conferences in the field of physical education and has helped with the development of two videos involving teaching children with visual impairments. Tiffany was named Adapted Physical Education Student of the Year 2011. Brockport's Master's Student of the Year for the School of Health and Human performance and APAC's National Master's Student of the Year 2011. She is also the Director of Camp Abilities Saratoga.



#### Graduate Assistant - Lily Jagodzinski



Lily Jagodzinski earned her Bachelor's degree in Physical Education, with a concentration in Adapted PE, in the Spring of 2016 at The College at Brockport. She is currently enrolled in the same college, where she is working towards her Master's degree in Adapted Physical Education. Lily has been part of Camp Abilities Brockport since 2013, where she has worked as a counselor, Gymnastics/Tandem Biking Specialist, and is the second year Graduate Assistant. Lily will graduate in Spring 2018!



**Kristi Lane** earned a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology, with an emphasis in Health PE and Adapted Physical Education, at Wisconsin-Eau Claire in Spring 2017. She is new to The College at Brockport, but has worked Camp Abilities Brockport, Long Island, Utica, and Saratoga during the Summer of 2017! She is working towards a degree in Adapted Physical Education and this is her



#### **Graduate Assistant - Alex Farrell**

Alex Farrell earned his Bachelor's degree in Physical Education at The College at Brockport, with a concentration in Adapted Physical education in Spring 2017. He is currently a graduate assistant, underneath the Lavelle Foundation grant, where he is working towards a Master's degree in Adapted Physical Education. He has been involved with Camp Abilities Brockport since 2016 as a coach and a graduate assistant. Alex will graduate in Spring 2018! **Alex Stribing** is a Graduate Assistant and is going on her eighth year with Camp Abilities Brockport. She graduated from SUNY Brockport with a degree in Adapted Physical Education. Alex has also been involved in Camp Abilities Boston, Delaware, and Saratoga.

**Emily Gilbert** is the co-director of aquatics and is also one of our beep baseball specialists.

**Charles Roselle** is one of our track & field aquatics specialists. This is his sixth year at Camp Abilities Brockport.

**Erin Kavanagh** is one of our stand-up paddle boarding and orientation & mobility specialists.

**KC Bleazard** is one of our tandem biking and goalball specialists. This is KC's 9<sup>th</sup> year.

**Gina Pucci** is one of our tandem biking and fitness specialists. Gina was previously a Camp Abilities Graduate Assistant.

**Janis Paz** is new to Camp Abilities Brockport. She is one of our stand-up paddle boarding specialists.

**Michaela Haynie** is new as a Camp Abilities Brockport stand-up paddle and gymnastics specialist.

Jeff Hart is one of our track and field and fitness specialists.

Tina Fetten is one of our stand-up paddle boarding specialists.

Meghan Fink is one of our beep baseball and goalball specialists.

Mike Fortner is one of our tandem biking and swimming specialists.

Lauren Schriner is one of our track & field and gymnastics specialist.

Sheila Parks & Katie Gian are our Registered Nurses for the week

Rachel Sherman – Upcoming Lavelle Graduate Assistant

Danny Weaver & John Wielgosz are our equipment managers

Lisa Hanson and Erin Weaver - Braille

More Coaches, and Specialists will be featured throughout the week. Be sure to check this Newsletter for up to date information and lots of photos of our Athletes!

This Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of

## <u>Dr.Janet Joseph,</u> 💗

the founder of this newsletter and Lauren Lieberman's mother.She died suddenly in December of 2006.She was an active part of Camp Abilities Brockport for seven years and we miss her very much.

# Coaches In Training











### June 24, 2018 - Sunday

Camp Experience - Day 1 - Athletes Arrive!

Once in the door, register, meet the nurse, hang with your coach, eat supper, then it's time to "party down"

# Terry and Ann Kelly - Celebrate!

Inspiration! Motivation! Spread the Love!





