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Being Scene: Going for the Gold - Special Olympics

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JaQuan Jefferson, Cedrick Hewlin, Craig Chamblis, first place, and Kwavon Cherry are winners of the 100-yard dash on Frida the Special Olympics event 'All-Stars Play Unified' at Northampton County High School.

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The local schools systems celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Special Olympics.

The schools included Roanoke Rapids Graded School District, Halifax County School District, Weldon City Schools and Northampton County schools. The event began at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Northampton County High School, with the theme “All-Stars Play Unified.”

Monica Smith-Woofter, Northampton County schools superintendent, said half of the high school volunteered for the event, including students and staff members.

“It really brings a true meaning of collaboration and coming together as a group for the good of all,” she said. “We work well together to make sure it is a special day.”

Janett Walker is the local Special Olympics coordinator and also the transition coordinator for exceptional children.

“Children with disabilities don’t often get a chance to show what they can do,” Walker said. “People think because a child has a disability they can’t do anything. They don’t normally participate in regular sports but this gives them a chance to get out and show people what they can do and they get to mingle.”