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NEWS RELEASE – "IMMOKALEE HIGH SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL TEAM HEADS TO STATE"

They jump – they shoot – they score! Immokalee High School's (IHS) Special Olympics basketball team is shooting hoops all the way to the top as they head to the Florida Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament at the University of South Florida in Tampa the weekend of February 10-11.

The Immokalee team recently played in the Sarasota area tournament where they qualified for the state tournament by competing against a team from Hillsborough County. Not only did they qualify, but they were chosen and received the honor to represent Division 4 at the state level.

Immokalee High School's Special Olympics basketball team has a number of state championships under their belt, but this is the first year they will have a traditional five on five Division 4 team. "In the 19 years that I have been involved in Special Olympics, I have never coached a group of athletes so committed and dedicated as this group. Their enthusiasm is contagious!" says the team's coach, Immokalee High School teacher Kelly Stevenson. Best of luck to the IHS Indians as they play at the state tournament!

To learn more, please contact Kelly Stevenson at 377-1800.

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IMMOKALEE HIGH SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL TEAM



Immokalee High School's Special Olympics basketball team advances to the state tournament at the University of South Florida.

*(Front row, L to R) Sodi Louis, Johnny Garza, Julio Loya, Daniel Jose
(Middle row, L to R) Wilder Vasquez, Latasha Gardner, Angel Palacios
(Back row, L to R) Juan Canuto, Mary Garza, Isidro Soto*