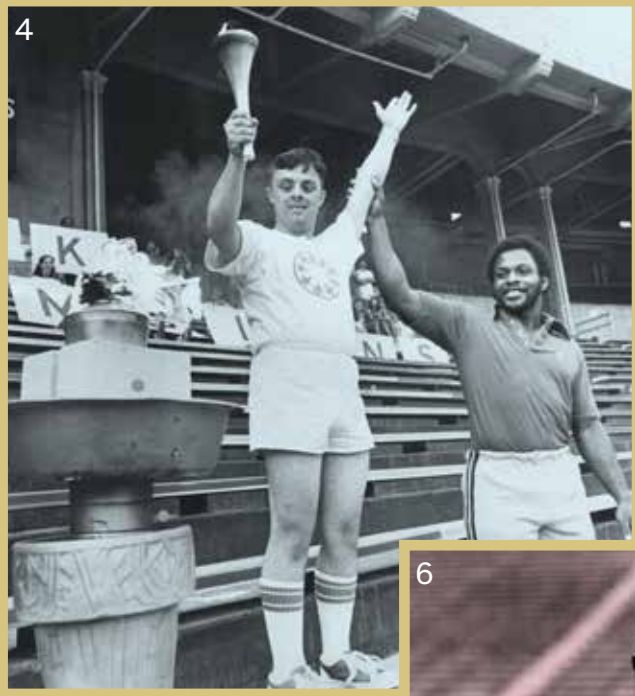


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The modern Olympics were created in 1894, but their history is rooted in the ancient games. Ohio has sent competitors since 1904 and this year we celebrate Ohio in the Olympics and Special Olympics. The Special Olympics goals are to focus on inclusion and the “stigma, isolation, and injustice that people with intellectual disabilities face.” The games are a time for people across the globe to come together and this poster aims to acknowledge all the Ohio athletes that have gone for the gold.

1. Three torch bearers for the 1988 Southwestern Ohio Senior Olympics running on the campus of the University of Cincinnati. *University of Cincinnati Archives and Rare Books Library*

2. Christine Parris-Washington, assistant softball coach at Bowling Green State University from 1994-1996, competed for the Canadian softball team at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia. *Bowling Green State University Center for Archival Collections*

3. A Special Olympics athlete crosses the finish line of a race. The mission of the Special Olympics of Ohio is to provide year-round sports training and competition opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. *Clinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities*

4. Athlete Leland Polock lights the cauldron at Ohio's Special Olympics in June 1977 accompanied by two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin. *Grandview Heights Public Library*

5. Lucinda Williams Adams handed the baton to Wilma Rudolph in the 1960 4x100 meter relay. Here, Adams (far right) is teaching correct stance to runners at Dayton's Roosevelt High School. *Wright State University Special Collections and Archives*

6. Jesse Owens was a track and field athlete who won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympic Games. After setting four world records at The Ohio State University in 1935, Owens went on to win the 100m dash, the long jump, the 200m sprint, and the 4 x 100m sprint relay at the Berlin Olympic Games in 1936. He was also the first Black athlete to receive an athletic shoe sponsorship. *Ohio State University Archives*

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