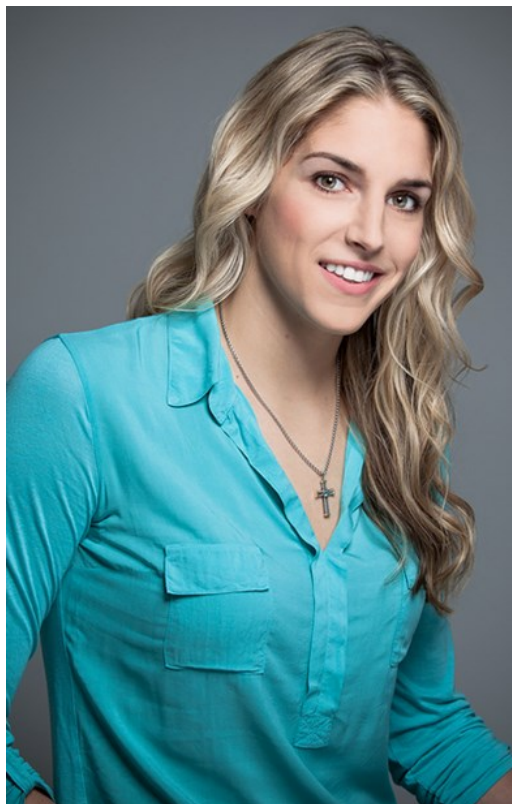


# The Diamond State Classic Welcomes Back Elena Delle Donne

WNBA Star Set to Participate in Special Olympics Game & Festivities at 2014 Diamond State Classic



**Tuesday, December 30 ♦ Approximately 6:00 PM**

The Diamond State Classic is honored and proud to welcome back Delaware's own, and former Diamond State Classic standout, Elena Delle Donne for the 24th edition of the high school girls holiday basketball tournament benefitting the B+ Foundation, Special Olympics and other local charities.

On Tuesday, December 30, the WNBA star will take part in the festivities surrounding the tournament's Special Olympics game featuring local Special Olympians and their unified partners. The Special Olympics festivities are set to tip off around 6:00 PM at the St. E Center in the middle of the final day of the four-day tournament (December 27-30) featuring 20 teams from Delaware and across the country including teams from Tennessee and California.

## *About Elena*

Elena Delle Donne starred at the Diamond State Classic while at Ursuline Academy, where she was a three-time state champion, McDonald's and WBCA All-American, and the 2008 National Player of the Year as named by McDonald's, USA Today and Gatorade. She later went on to the University of Delaware, becoming one of the most influential and decorated athletes in school history. She was the 2013 recipient of the Senior CLASS Award and Honda Award and a consensus First Team All-American and National Player of the Year candidate in her junior and senior seasons at Delaware. She currently stars for the WNBA's Chicago Sky, after having been the second overall pick in the 2013 WNBA Draft and the 2013 WNBA Rookie of the Year.

In addition to these incredible accomplishments on the court, Elena Delle Donne's selflessness and commitment to her community may be her greatest legacy. Perhaps the most powerful example of Elena's philanthropy was her recent honor of being named a Global Ambassador for Special Olympics, as she joins other Global Ambassadors to elevate the Special Olympics movement and advance opportunities for persons with intellectual disabilities.



What Elena Delle Donne stands for – both on and off the floor – is an inspiration to her fans, both young and old. The Diamond State Classic could not be more honored and humbled to welcome back Delaware's own to our tournament this year.