



## MEET COACH SAM

NubAbility Founder and Executive Director Sam Kuhnert was born with one hand, but that has never stopped him from embracing his purpose. As a three letter athlete in high school and a college pitcher, Sam had the training and talent to succeed in mainstream sports; however, at the age of 17, he realized that his true calling was to create sports camps for other children like himself. Sam has organized one or more NubAbility camps annually since 2012 and built the foundation he started into a national organization.

Sam has been recognized for his work with limb-different children by a number of organizations. He was honored as one of ten Top Outstanding Young Americans across the country by the national Jaycees in 2017. Previously, he was the Jaycees Outstanding Young Person of Illinois in 2016. He also received the National Youth Activist Award from Man Up Against Bullying in 2017 and 2018, the Fitness Ministry Award from Faith and Fitness Magazine in 2019 and the DuQuoin Citizen of the Year Award in 2015.

In addition to his work with NubAbility, Sam is a motivational speaker, visiting schools across the country with his talk on bullying prevention: "Three Strikes to Bullyproof Your School." His book "Game Changer: How to Thrive When Life Doesn't Go According to Plan" was released in 2020.

Sam is a graduate of Morthland College, where he lettered in baseball and received a degree in business administration. After a serious injury ended his college pitching career, Sam was hired as Morthland's pitching and strength and conditioning coach, a position he held for two seasons. In all of the work he does, Sam's goal is to show kids how they can tap into their purpose and become game-changers in their own lives.

