

Cassie Grenier - Meriden, Connecticut

Cassie's first introduction to the NSCD was as an intern, and though she already knew how to snowboard, she developed her skiing skills and technique through her intern experience. She went onto become an NSCD program coordinator for two years, during which she had the opportunity to serve as a Special Olympics coach. Just over two years ago, she was in a climbing accident that caused her to become visually impaired, which brought her back to the NSCD as a participating athlete. This is her first year with the Competition Center team. She had her first taste of racing at the Hartford Ski Spectacular in Breckenridge last season. "My accident kind of put me through a whirlwind, and I didn't know what I was capable of. Now I'm an overall more confident person and I believe in myself more, thanks to the NSCD," Cassie said. She enjoys the inclusive and supportive environment of the Competition Center program, and continues to work part-time in the NSCD administrative offices when she's not on the hill. Outside of skiing, Cassie continues to enjoy rock climbing and hiking. Cassie is being guided today by Maddie "Mad Dog" Reynolds.