

My name is Michael Dumas. I'm a 41-year-old male. I was paralyzed December, 2006, from a motorcycle accident. I am a T-3 paraplegic, paralyzed from the chest down.

I have always had a love for the outdoors, hiking in the woods, playing hockey in the street or swimming in the ocean. Upon my Spinal Cord Injury I felt that love for the outdoors start to fade and it did for a handful of years. It was at a Tampa Bay Lightning hockey game in 2014, where I was introduced to Sled Hockey. Shortly after, I was playing sled hockey. This gave me the drive to further my education and get involved in my Spinal Cord Injury Community. While I attended USF for my bachelor's in social work, I helped facilitate Try Sled Hockey for Free events with the Tampa Bay Lightning, along with volunteering, fundraising, community engagement and recruitment.

Around 2017 I met Brandon Imhoff as a teammate on the Tampa Bay Lightning Sled Hockey team. We shared a lot of the same active outdoor interests. We began to handcycle, explore parks, SUVing, kayak, sail and travel the country for hockey. Once I learned Brandon ran a charity, Unlimited State of Ability, I was impressed and actively participated in all the events his charity was doing like handcycling, sled hockey, camping, star gazing, kayaking, sailing and traveling.

It was in 2023 when Brandon asked me to be on the board of Unlimited State of Ability. I graciously accepted. We have been to a number of state parks, rode Rails to Trails, kayaked and sailed waterways, all within Florida. We work to educate, break

barriers and obstacles that people experiencing a SCI or other disabilities may encounter. Unlimited State of Ability helps facilitate the needs to explore, adapt, and adventure.