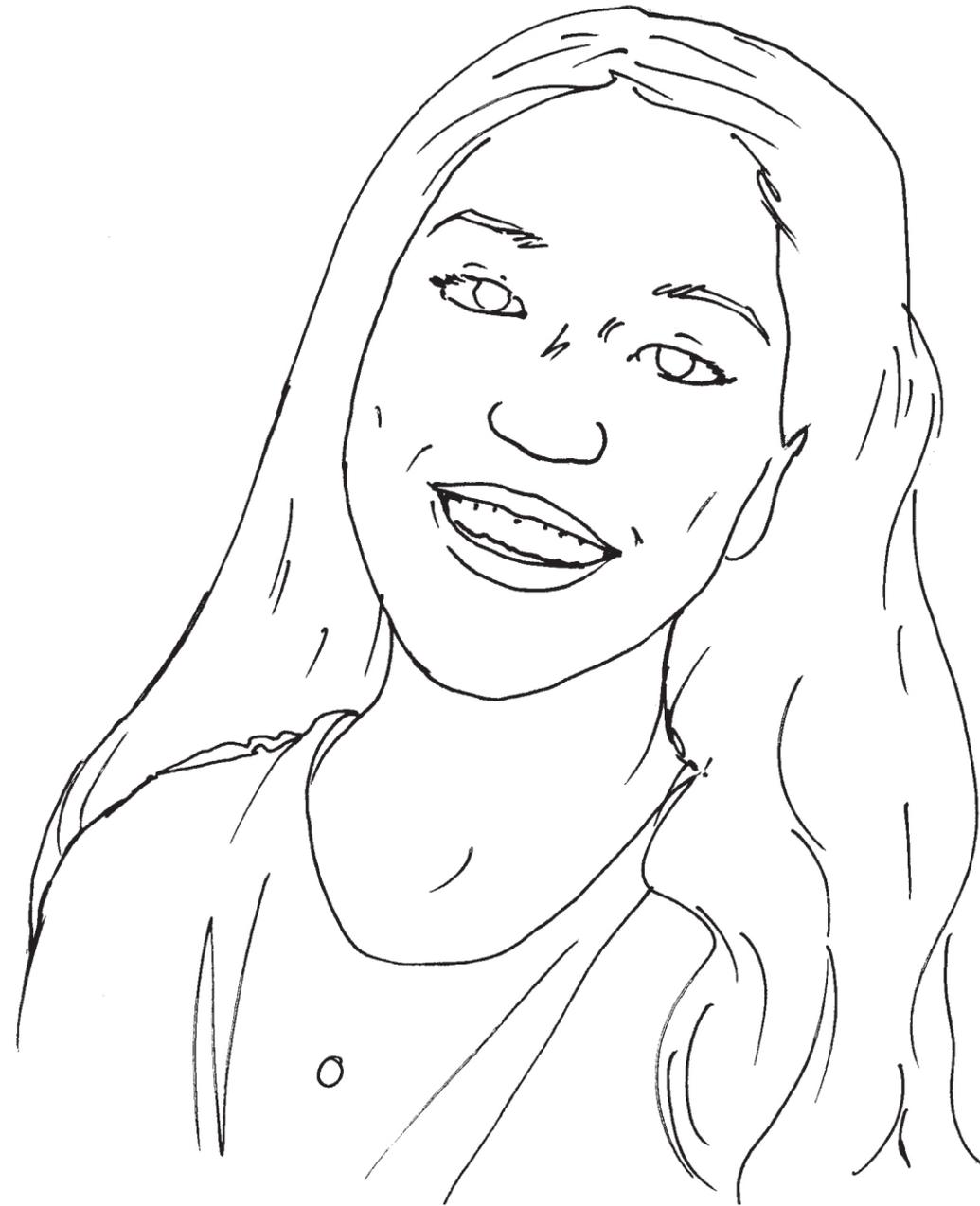


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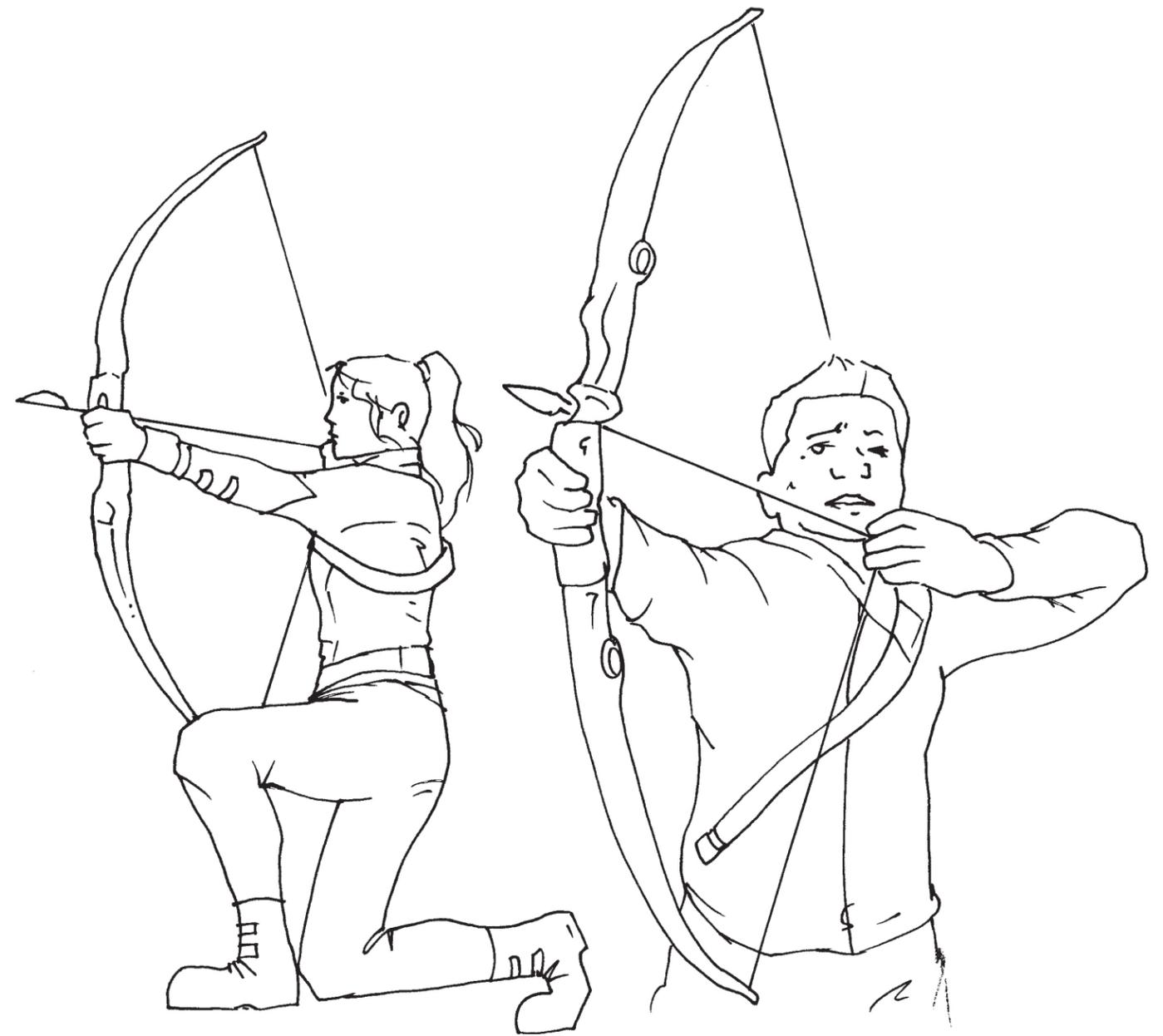
**NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT
AWARENESS MONTH**

OBSERVANCE

October



Alaqua Cox was born deaf and has a prosthetic lower right leg. She is bringing to life a one-of-a-kind hero with a unique backstory in the Marvel® series, Hawkeye.



Cox said, “I don’t know why they’re giving me this opportunity, but I’m just grateful. I’m excited for the support and being able to advocate for the Deaf community. We want to have that equality and get more people involved.”

Her co-stars, Jeremy Renner and Hailee Steinfeld both worked to learn American Sign Language (ASL) so that they could communicate more easily with her.

“I thought it was sweet of them putting in efforts to learn basic ASL to communicate with me. It means a lot to me as a Deaf person.”

DIFFERENTLY ABLED

These role models below show anything is possible, as they all overcame the adversity of having a disability to do something inspiring that they love. Read about each of the great athletes and other talented people below and then do some research to find out and match what disability they overcame for their passion. It's time to use your research skills!

a. Born missing a left arm.

b. Was diagnosed with autism.

c. Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD)

d. Lost an arm in a shark attack.

e. Born with Spinal Bifida.

f. Was born deaf and walks with prosthetic leg.

g. Born with a rare congenital condition where they have no arms below the elbow or legs below the knee.

h. Born with Down Syndrome.



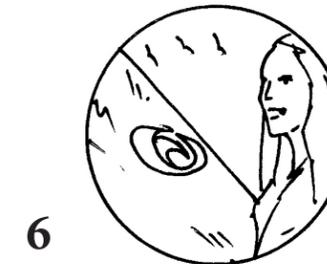
Michael Phelps
American Olympic gold medalist, with 28 gold medals for swimming.



Stephen Wiltshire
Famous for drawing incredibly intricate citiscape drawings from memory.



Alaqua Cox
Actress who plays the role of the superhero Echo in the Marvel series Hawkeye.



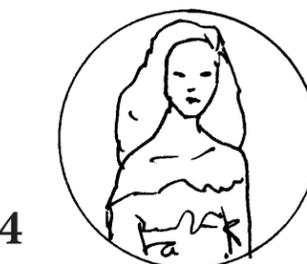
Bethany Hamilton
Professional surfer whose story was featured in the film Soul Surfer.



Shaquem Griffin
Professional NFL linebacker for the Seattle Seahawks.



Aaron Fotheringham
Professional extreme sport athlete known for BMX and skateboard style tricks.



Madeline Stuart
Professional supermodel featured on the cover of fashion magazines and runways all over the world.



Kyle Maynard
All around athlete and motivational speaker who, played football, does mixed martial arts, and climbed Kilimanjaro.