



NAME: Pat Riley, Jr.

TITLE: Owner

BUSINESS: Little Rock Athletic Club

STUDENT: Shahida Yousufzai

Born and raised in Little Rock, Pat graduated from Central High School in 1973. He attended Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas and graduated in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. He was on the SMU swim team and co-captained the water polo team for the Mustangs. He holds two post-graduate degrees, an MBA from SMU and a Masters in International Management from the American Graduate School of International Management (also known as Thunderbird) in Glendale, Arizona.

From 1980-1985, Pat worked as a loan officer for a bank in Houston, taught racquetball at a health club in San Francisco and worked as a bank consultant in Dallas.

In 1985, with plans to develop a health club in central Arkansas, Pat moved back to Little Rock and has worked exclusively in the health and fitness field. He is the owner/operator of the Little Rock Athletic Club, the Little Rock Racquet Club, the North Little Rock Athletic Club and the Downtown Athletic Club. The clubs combined have more than 7,000 memberships with well over 17,000 individual members.

Outside of work, Pat enjoys practicing yoga, playing tennis and beach volleyball; he also loves reading and watching films. Currently, he serves on the board of the Just Communities Arkansas (JCA). In 1994, he was awarded Pulaski County Big Brother of the Year and in 1990 he was inducted into the Arkansas Swimming Hall of Fame. For more than 20 years, he has served as a Big Brother, tutor or mentor.