

John Kontopuls

-President & CEO of Elite Show Services

John Kontopuls has started numerous businesses, employed thousands of people, and has donated time, energy, and money to endless worthy causes. For the past 12 years, John has been President and CEO of Elite Show Services, Inc., the regions largest security and event management company with over 3,000 employees. Elite provides staffing, consulting, management and analyst services to major corporations, venues and franchises throughout the nation. John has also founded Elite University, a free innovative educational outreach program. John's company has been recognized by Inc Magazine as the 175th fastest-growing company in America as published in the annual Inc 500 issue and was presented the American Dream Award by the American Dream Project in recognition of his organization's commitment to corporate social responsibility. John's vision for the organization is to be the standard in advocating and providing opportunities for individuals to learn, serve and grow. Over his career, John has serviced contracts for some of the world's most high profile events, including the Olympic Games, Super Bowl, World Series, America's Cup, Davis Cup, Pro Bowl, Major League Soccer All-Star Game, World Baseball Classic Championship and NCAA Basketball Tournament. Prior to becoming President and CEO of Elite, John founded Kontopuls Financial Group, a real estate investment and mortgage brokerage firm, which he still operates today. John has served on the board of the American Heart Association, San Diego International Sports Council, Chargers Community Foundation, San Diego Youth & Community Services and the Catherine Hill Foundation. He has helped thousands of young people over the years through his participation at summer leadership conferences and has taught leadership practices to students at the Toussaint Academy of the Arts and Sciences. John serves on the Executive Committee of the Master of Science in Executive Leadership at the University of San Diego and is a director on the board of San Diego State University's College of Business. As a member of Young Presidents Organization, John serves on the Pacific Region's Executive Board. He is a member of the 2004 class of LEAD San Diego and currently serves on its Marketing Committee. John is the founder of the Kontopuls Leadership Foundation, whose mission is to unleash the potential in challenged youth through leadership education. On a personal note, John's interests include neuroscience, psychology, surfing, tennis and travel. John received his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from San Diego State University and his Master of Science degree in Executive Leadership from the University of San Diego.

