



### Pat Williams

Pat Williams is the senior vice president of the NBA's Orlando Magic. Also one of America's top motivational, inspirational, and humorous speakers, he has addressed employees from many of the Fortune 500 companies and the Million Dollar Round Table. He has been a featured speaker at two Billy Graham Crusades and two Peter Lowe Success Seminars. He has also spoken on many university campuses.

After serving for seven years in the United States Army, Pat spent seven years in the Philadelphia Phillies organization, two as a minor league catcher and five in the front office. He then spent three years in the Minnesota Twins organization before moving to the National Basketball Association. Since 1968, he has been affiliated with teams in Chicago, Atlanta, Philadelphia, including the 1983 World Champion 76ers, and now the Orlando Magic which he co-founded in 1987 and helped lead to the NBA finals in 1995. Twenty-three of his teams have gone to the NBA play-offs and five of them have made the NBA finals. In 1996, Pat was named as one of the 50 most influential people in NBA history by a national publication.

In his NBA career, he has traded Pete Maravich, traded for Julius Erving, Moses Malone, Penny Hardaway, and won four NBA draft lotteries, including back-to-back winners in 1992 and 1993 and most recently in 2004. He also drafted Charles Barkley, Shaquille O'Neal, Maurice Cheeks, Andrew Toney and Darryl Dawkins and signed Billy Cunningham, Chuck Daly, and Matt Guokas to their first professional coaching contracts. Twelve of his former players have become NBA Head Coaches and seventeen have become assistant coaches.

Pat and his wife Ruth are the parents of 19 children, including 14 adopted from four nations, ranging in age from 20 to 34. For one year, 16 of his children were all teenagers at the same time. Pat and his family have been featured in Sports Illustrated, Readers Digest, Good Housekeeping, Family Circle, The Wall Street Journal, Focus on the Family, New Man Magazine, plus all of the major television networks, The Maury Povich Show and Dr. Robert Schuller's Hour of Power.

Pat helps teach an adult Sunday school class at First Baptist Church of Orlando and hosts a weekly sports radio show. In the last 10 years he has completed thirty eight marathons, including the Boston Marathon 10 times and also climbed Mt. Rainier. He is a weight lifter, Civil War buff, and serious baseball fan. Every winter he plays in Major League Fantasy Camps and has caught Hall of Famers Bob Feller, Bob Gibson, Fergie Jenkins, Rollie Fingers, Gaylord Perry, Phil Niekro and Tom Seaver.

Pat was raised in Wilmington, Delaware, earned his bachelors degree at Wake Forest University, and his master's degree at Indiana University. He has a doctorate in Humane Letters from Flagler University. He is a member of the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame after catching for the Deacons baseball team, including the 1962 Atlantic Coast Conference Championship team. He is also a member of the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame.

## **Speech Topics**

### **The Seven Keys to Leadership in the 21st Century**

This inspiring speech details the seven keys to leadership: vision, communication, people skills, character, competence, boldness and a servant's heart.

### **The Magic of Teamwork**

Proven principles for building a winning team- "The magic is the results you can have with whatever team you are on."- Pat Williams

### **How to Build a Ladder to Your Dreams**

Learning to build a ladder to your dreams- one rung at a time.

### **Champions Under Construction - How to Build Successful Teenagers**

In this invigorating speech, Williams gears his speaking style towards the young people of today and shows them how they can achieve all their dreams.

### **How to Be Like Mike!**

In this rousing speech, Williams reviews the qualities that can transform any person, in life and in business, into a hero in their own right. In his discussion of Michael Jordan, he shows the many winning qualities in character which made the man into a sports legend, including passion, hard work, perseverance, responsibility, influence, embracing competition, teamwork, leadership, trust, respect, loyalty and character.

### **The Power of Mentoring**

### **Living Out Your Life Values**

### **Finding the Will to Win**

How have "The Greats" achieved such extraordinary success? How can you achieve the same results? In this speech, Pat discusses the qualities that the winners in life possess. Based on over 40 years in professional sports studying successful athletes and coaches who have produced great triumphs, Pat will teach you the secrets to being a more focused person, finding passion in your work and succeeding in the face of defeat. After hearing this speech, you will feel like you can conquer the world!