

PETER VIDMAR
Biography

At the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Peter Vidmar established himself as not only one of the world's great gymnasts, but as an inspirational leader and motivational force as well. Vidmar captained the United States men's gymnastics team to its first ever Olympic gold medal with a stunning upset victory over the powerful men's team from the People's Republic of China.

Vidmar now spends a significant amount of time translating his skills as a leader and motivator to Fortune 500 companies across the country. He is very active on the corporate lecture circuit.

IBM, General Motors, Mobil Oil, Xerox, Federal Express, Merrill Lynch, 3M, Coca Cola, New York Life, Nabisco, Squibb, Control Data, GTE, and many other corporations listen to Peter's powerful presentations at their national meetings.

He has even lectured in Japan, Australia, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Recently Peter was listed in Successful Meetings Magazine along with Harvey Mackay, Tom Peters and Lou Holtz as one of the top ten corporate speakers in America.

The 1984 Los Angeles Olympiad served as a stage for Vidmar to highlight his brilliant career in gymnastics. In addition to his success as captain of the team competition, he also made his mark in the individual competition. Peter won the silver medal in the individual all-around competition, becoming the only American male gymnast to have ever won an Olympic all-around medal.

He then captured the gold medal on the pommel horse with a perfect score of 10. He is the highest scoring gymnast, male or female (an incredible 9.89 average), in the history of USA gymnastics. In 1984 he was fittingly named United States Male Gymnast of the Year.

After a brilliant college career at UCLA, Peter graduated with a degree in economics. As a television announcer he has covered events for CBS, NBC, and ESPN and as written articles for Parade Magazine and USA Today.

Former President George Bush appointed Peter to serve along with Chairman Arnold Schwarzeneger on the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sport. He has testified before Congress on behalf of the United States Olympic Committee and was chosen in 1984 to be the Master of Ceremonies at the Presidential Inaugural Ball.

Vidmar also serves on the Board of Directors of the United States Olympic Committee, and the Executive Committee of the United States Gymnastics Federation. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Salt Lake City Olympic Bid Committee and recently finished his term as a member of the Board of Trustees of Brentwood School, his high school alma mater in Los Angeles.

Peter lives in Irvine, California with his wife Donna, a former UCLA gymnast, and their four children.