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Below you will find a brief summary of Mr. Spannuth's background, experience and knowledge in the field of aquatics and administration.

- ❖ **Before His First Full time position in aquatics he worked in summer positions for five years in the following positions:** Lifeguard (at a State Park), Swimming Pro (at a Country Club), Pool Manager (of two different country club pools), and Camp Water Front Director where the aquatics program was conducted in a small creek.
- ❖ **His first full time job in aquatics was in 1956 when he served as:** The Aquatics Director of the Reading (PA) YMCA. John developed an outstanding aquatics program in a "20 Yard Basement Pool".
- ❖ **John is a well-known national and international conference speaker.** John has been a speaker at the following conferences: IHRSA, ASCA, NSPI, NRPA, YMCA, KSI, CPOA, College Coaches Swim Forum, AAHPERD, NCRA, CNCA, CSCF, WWPA, JWF, ISHOF, NFAA, AEA, NSSA, Club Industry, National Fitness Trade Show, Healthy Lifestyles Expo, IFS (Japan), Middle East Sports Symposium, etc.
 - John has lectured extensively in Egypt, Brazil, South Africa, Canada, Germany, The Middle East and the United States.
- ❖ **Creator and founder of innovative programs including:**
 - World Swimming Coaches Clinic (1969) (Organized and directed the first ever clinic.)
 - Masters Swimming (1970) (Organized and directed the first ever national masters swimming meet.)
 - Masters Synchronized Swimming (1975) (Organized and directed the first ever national meet.)
 - National YMCA Masters Aquatic Championship (1976) (Organized and directed this first ever meet.)
 - Water Walking As A Program (1986)
 - National Aquatic Directors Certification (1996)
 - National Programs Awards (recognizing the top programs in the country)
 - ▶ Top Water Fitness Programs (1990) ▶ Top Aquatic Programs (1997)
 - Who's Who In Aquatic Leadership in the United States (1995)
 - National and State Leadership Awards (1990)
 - Seminar: Your Swimming Pool Can Be A Goldmine
- ❖ **National Leadership Positions (Past and Present)**
 - 2003 National World Aquatic Baby Conference (Directed The Conference).
 - 2002 National Aquatic Directors Summit (Organized and directed this summit.)
 - 2001 National Adapted Aquatics Summit (Organized and directed this summit.)
 - 1998 National Aquatics Summit (Organized and directed this summit.)
 - Past President of The American Swimming Coaches Association
 - Member of the International Swimming Hall of Fame and Chairperson of the ISHOF International Advisory Committee
 - Past Member: NRPA Aquatics Council
 - Charter Member of the AAHPERD Aquatics Council (1968)
 - Past Chairperson of the National Forum for the Advancement of Aquatics
 - Advisory Board, Disability International Foundation (1998-present)
 - Member of the Board of Directors, Every Child A Swimmer, Inc.
- ❖ **Serves On National Advisory Board Aquatics International Magazine**
- ❖ **Past Positions Held** including (but not limited) to the following:
 - Aquatics Director and Head Swimming Coach for Phillips Petroleum Company, at their National Headquarters, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma (population 25,000) for seven years. Developed the best-known age group swim team in the United States.
 - College Swimming Coach (3 years)
 - Served as head swimming coach for two United States national teams in international competitions.
 - Built an indoor aquatic center including two pools in Texas for a non-profit organization
 - National Aquatics Administrator for the National AAU. Responsibilities included: all competitive swimming, diving, water polo, synchronized swimming, long distance swimming and masters swimming for the AAU throughout the United States.
 - International Executive Director for the Special Olympics in Washington, D.C.
 - Four years in the Middle East as Aquatics, Sports and Recreation Administrator. Two years in Bahrain and two years in Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ **Other Honors**
 - Level 5 Certified swimming coach (highest level 1986)
 - Captain Ranson J. Arthur Award presented by U.S. Masters Swimming (1986)
 - American Swimming Coaches Association, Life Member (1969)
 - U.S. Swimming, Life Member (1985)
 - International Swimming Hall of Fame, Life Member
 - Amateur Athletic Union, Life Member (1968)
 - National YMCA Leadership Fellowship (1976)
 - YMCA Senior Director (1978)
 - National Parks and Recreation Distinguished Service Award (1992)
 - National Fitness Leaders Association, C. Carson Conrad Award (1993)
 - Sevier-McCayhill National Award (for outstanding service to youth with disabilities) (1997)
 - Local: Named the Outstanding member for the Boynton Beach Rotary Club 1998-1999 and the Bill Gove Golden Gavel Toastmasters Club 2000-2001.