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George Paz is a 1982 graduate of the UMSL College of Business Administration. Like many UMSL students, George worked his way through school to enter into the business world with a strong educational foundation. Climbing the corporate ranks, he was named CEO of Express Scripts in 2005 where he established Express Scripts as the first and only Fortune 500 company in the United States to locate its headquarters on a college campus in 2007—right here at UMSL.

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