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Mr. & Miss Palisades Alumni Are Local Business Owners

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With the Mr. and Miss Palisades Teen Contest approaching on March 5 at Pierson Playhouse, we have communicated with some of the past winners to find out about their latest achievements. This is the third article in our series, and this week we feature two alumni who have built businesses that serve Pacific Palisades and neighboring communities.

EMILY (KAY) TILLMAN (1991)

A native of Pacific Palisades, Emily, 34, had originally planned on pursuing acting, but her career path took a detour when she started teaching dance to children at a local sports club. After a very short time,



Palisades High alum and former Mr. Palisades Ramis Sadrieh, owner of Technology for You!, works at a client's condo in Westwood.

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Emily was asked to take over the dance program and in 1992 (just a year after graduating from Palisades

High), she opened the Fancy Feet Dance Studio in the 881 Alma Real building.

Starting out as the sole instructor with only five students, Emily has grown the business to more than 300 dance students and 10 teachers. Emily is proud that several of her students have entered the Palisades Teen contest, but is even more proud of her newest pupils—her very own two-year-old twin daughters (left) who just started their first dance class.

Emily's husband is Michael Tillman, who played on three NCAA water polo championship teams at UC Berkeley and became a professional cyclist, is now a "stay-at-home daddy," said Emily.

RAMIS SADRIEH (1993)

As vice president of the Pacific Palisades Chamber of Commerce, Ramis has become a familiar face around town. His Technology For You! business (technologyforyou.com), which offers one-

stop solutions for home and office technology, won the Chamber's Best New Business Award in 2005. He also organized the town's first Technology Fair last spring and is treasurer of PAPA, the Fourth of July parade organizing committee. In addition, he finds time to play violin in the Palisades Symphony Orchestra.

A graduate of Palisades High, Ramis, 32, earned a degree in math and computer science from UCLA and an MBA from Pepperdine, where he first got the idea for Technology for You! He is married to Sara Boroomi and they are expecting their first child in March.

(Editor's note: Frances Sharpe is a professional writer, magazine editor and ghostwriter. She became involved with the Mr. and Miss Palisades contest when her husband, Wil Sharpe, served as a judge a few years ago. She is now a member of the organizing committee.)



Fancy Feet owner Emily Kay with her twin daughters, Mattie Danielle (left) and Emma Claire.

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