



Leaders

Hughes Lowrance

Founder and CEO

Lowrance was raised in Driver, Ark. and moved to Athens, GA in 1984 to attend the University of Georgia (UGA). He graduated from UGA in 1988 with an undergraduate degree in psychology. During his senior year at UGA, Lowrance and his close friend, Jamey Loftin, invested \$10,000 in an existing convenience store to open a sandwich shop. This marked the beginning of his career with what would later become Locos Grill & Pub. After starting the business in Athens, Lowrance left for a few years to earn his Juris Doctor degree from University of Arkansas. Upon receiving his law degree, he realized his heart was still in Athens and Locos Grill & Pub, prompting him to move back and join up with Loftin again to grow the company. As CEO, Lowrance provides the strategic business direction that has helped Locos Grill & Pub grow to over 20 restaurants.

Jamey Loftin

Founder and COO

Loftin was raised in Roanoke, Va. and attended the University of Georgia from 1985 to 1988. During his junior year at UGA, Loftin and his close friend, Hughes Lowrance, decided to invest \$10,000 in an existing convenience store to open a sandwich shop. After three years in the business school, Loftin decided the traditional route was not for him; instead, he left school to fully invest his time and energy into growing Locos Grill & Pub. Loftin managed the business while Lowrance attended law school, and together they built a strong foundation for Locos. In 1996, the U.S. Small Business Administration honored Loftin with “The Young Entrepreneur of the Year” award for the State of Georgia and Southeastern Region. Today, as COO, he leads Locos Grill & Pub's operations and marketing teams, and has helped the company grow to more than 20 restaurants.