

# FACES OF WHIPPLEWOOD



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MAKE IT **BETTER** EVERY DAY,  
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FOR OUR CLIENTS AND THEIR GUESTS.



**ANTHONY  
LAMBATOS**  
FOOTERS  
CATERING



**Footers Catering** was founded in 1981 by Jimmy Lambatos. In 2009, Jimmy's son Anthony and his wife, April, purchased the business. Today, their company culture is impressive, from providing their clients the freshest ingredients cooked on-site, to their employees experiencing a fun and creative place to work with an atmosphere similar to working at Google or Facebook. The organized approach they take to operating their business is nothing short of superb, and the ping pong table in the "Awesomeness Room," along with the fresh lunches cooked daily for employees, makes everyone want to stay at the end of day rather than head home. It's a rewarding place to work, not only because of their success as one of Denver's top caterers, but also the camaraderie and appreciation that's felt all the way to the top of the company. "Our employees are what count," says Lambatos. "We try and make this a fun place to work, encouraging employees to share their ideas and to be a part of the decisions that are made here. Happy employees make up a great team of people that want to go out and serve our clients to the best of their ability. That's what allows us to provide service to our clients that's second-to-none."



# AWESOMENESS



## ***Where were you born and raised?***

Denver, CO

## ***Are you married, do you have family?***

Married to April Lambatos and we are expecting a baby boy any day now.

## ***What is your fondest memory growing up?***

Playing basketball with friends and working for my dad at the Parade of Homes.

## ***Who had the biggest impact on your life?***

Probably my parents. They always believed in me and pushed me beyond what I thought I could accomplish.

## ***Where did you go to college and why?***

University of Oregon. I love Colorado, but it was time for me to go out and experience a new part of the country.

## ***What was your major and why did you choose that major?***

Business and Economics. I love business and have

always been fascinated with it, so it was natural for me to study it in college. I ended up getting a second major in Economics because I enjoyed the classes and just kept taking them—one of my favorites was “Mafia in Russia”

## ***What was your first real adult job?***

I got to work in the Oregon Athletic Department while I was in school there, helping with promotions, marketing and game day events.

## ***What has been your career thus far?***

### ***Where have you worked, etc?***

I started working full time for my dad right out of college in 2004 and in 2009, my wife, April, and I purchased the business from him.

## ***What has been your greatest work experience?***

My time at Footers has been incredible, especially now with the team we have. Outside of Footers though, I spent a summer working in the Denver Broncos’ ticket office selling club seats. It wasn’t the most fun job, but I learned a ton about myself, sales and resilience.

**Where will you be in five years?**

Still in Colorado, loving life and having fun at Footers Catering.

**What about your career do you like most?**

The opportunity to work with amazing people and give them the tools they need to be successful. We have fun at work and it's a great team to be part of.

**What hobbies/interests do you have outside of work?**

Watching all sports, skiing, road biking and traveling.



**What do you think your company/firm has to offer that other companies/firms don't, as an employee and for your clients?**

By creating a great place to work and believing that it's important that our team loves what they do, we are just as excited about the events we cater as our clients are. That makes a big difference when you are working with people who enjoy what they do—we believe it's a higher level of service.

One of the most unique perks of working at Footers is our five-year trip for our management team. Once you reach your five-year mark with Footers, you are awarded a culinary learning adventure. Past trips have included a cruise to Alaska, sponsored by Food and Wine magazine, and attendance to the Caribbean Food and Wine Festival in Turks and Caicos.



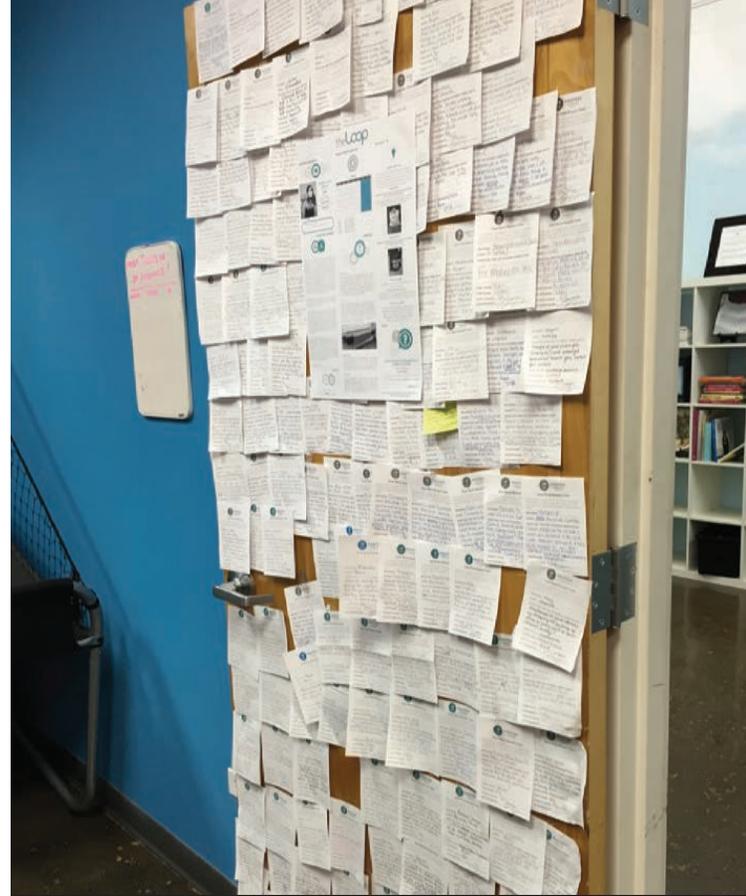
*Anthony shows pictures on the wall of his dad and how Footers got started. They want to keep that legacy readily visible so their employees and clients know the history.*

**What are the rewards/drawbacks for working for yourself versus for someone else?**

We love the fact that we shape how our company will grow and we can make adjustments fairly quickly. We get to make it all up and we try to involve our team in that process as much as possible, so they can enjoy the experience as well.

**Name five things on your bucket list:**

- Attend the NCAA Basketball Final Four
- Travel to Fiji and stay in one of those bungalows over the water
- Go helicopter skiing
- Go to the Kentucky Derby
- Eat at the French Laundry



*Posts of positive kudos employees have written up for one another, which are then displayed on a door in the office so everyone can see them. In exchange for receiving a note, employees are rewarded with "Jimmy Bucks" they can use to shop a collection of items ranging from coffee mugs to Footers monogrammed jackets. Pretty cool.*



FOOD is our FORTÉ,  
People are our Passion.



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