

Christian Lopez

Columbia Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

With a passion for delivering exceptional guest experiences, Christian Lopez embarked on a journey in the hospitality industry as an Associate at Dunkin Donuts in Port Chester, New York, in 2001. There, he honed his skills in providing friendly service while ensuring products met stringent quality standards in a fast-paced environment. Transitioning to the world of mixology, he served as a Bartender at Sonora Spanish Restaurant in Port Chester in 2009.

Christian's leadership journey began at his family owned restaurant, Coyote Flaco, where he served as a Manager in Port Chester from 2004 to 2009 and in Claverack until 2021. Driven by a desire to create a dining experience aligned with his vision, Christian became the Owner of Coyote Flaco in Claverack, New York, in March 2021. He oversees all aspects of the restaurant, from financial management to brand development. He thrives in optimizing staff scheduling, fostering a dynamic team environment, and adapting to evolving business needs.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Christian volunteered as a youth team coach in his local community of Hudson. With a passion for both hospitality and community engagement, Christian continues to strive for excellence in all facets of his life.