

## Brian Rhodes

Dining Director

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Upon high school graduation, Brian received a full scholarship to play college soccer, and dreamed of making professional soccer his career. A knee injury in his second year squashed those dreams. He decided to take a year off from college and re-evaluate his goals.

He left Kansas with \$400 in his pocket, planning to vacation in the Colorado Rockies, excited to explore both the lifestyle and the great outdoors. Colorado's tourism industry provided a steady stream of restaurant jobs and Brian found he could not only support himself waiting tables, but enjoy the outdoors with extended vacation time in the spring and fall.

Still, his lack of a profession haunted him. He dreamed of starting a business offering outdoor adventures and studied for his Emergency Medical Technician's license. Alas, witnessing a traumatic event in an Emergency Room made him question this choice.

Next, the booming real estate world called, and Brian received his appraiser's license. The career didn't excite him. All the while, he was learning the restaurant business and taking on more responsibilities in management.

The light finally dawned that he had become aligned with his life's purpose of helping people. While working in restaurants, his customer service skills were honed, his hospitality sense was developed, and he realized he enjoyed providing guests a top quality experience. Along the way, he had made enough money in the business to purchase two pieces of property in the Vail Valley.

As a Dining Director at Larkspur, he can continue to travel during vacation time, as getting to a beach for surfing and cycling is a necessity. The next adventure is always right around the corner.