In 2006, Drew French visited his wife’s family in Ischia, a small volcanic island 19 miles off the coast of Naples, Italy. He fell in love with the region’s use of brick ovens—the Italian secret to perfectly-crisp dough and smoky, earthy flavors. French learned firsthand that enjoying a fresh, homemade meal with friends and family can often be the most important ingredient in any dish. He returned to America inspired to create a first-of-its-kind pizza experience with traditional roots, but a flair all its own.

In 2008, French opened the first Your Pie location in Athens, Ga. His vision was to create an innovative restaurant concept offering high quality, brick-oven pizza at incredible speed. Your Pie began franchising in 2010 and today shares its mission with more than 55 stores across the United States, with more than 50 locations in development.

A fast-casual pizza concept, Your Pie takes pride in handcrafting the best pizza, salad and panini in the industry. Your Pie uses hand-tossed dough, only fresh ingredients, homemade pizza sauces and salad dressings, and offers vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free pizzas, as well as traditional pizzas. All menu items, including its rotating seasonal menu, are inspired by family recipes from the Italian island of Ischia. The brand also offers local craft beer, wine and Italian-style gelato pairings designed to perfectly compliment guests’ custom pizza creations.

While family recipes and Italian culture helped lay the foundation for its processes and exceptional quality, Your Pie has continued to build upon this foundation with new ingredients, innovative recipes and endless opportunities for culinary creativity. Your Pie strives to benefit all of the communities it calls home through job creation, partnerships with local brands and giveback initiatives to local causes. Through its exceptional food, engaging experience and community involvement, Your Pie is actively changing the way people experience pizza.
MEET THE TEAM

LEADERSHIP

Drew French, Founder
Drew French is the Founder and President of Your Pie. While honeymooning on the Italian island of Ischia, French was inspired to bring the authentic, brick-oven taste of Italian pizza to the United States. With a passion for gourmet food and a business degree from the University of Georgia, French opened the first Your Pie location in Athens, Ga., in 2008. The brand has since grown to more than 55 locations across the U.S., and French continues to infuse creativity, inspiration and innovation through his leadership.

French’s culinary brainchild, the fan-favorite Peach Prosciutto Pie, earned him a lifetime spot on the U.S. Pizza team, and he competes annually at the World Pizza Championships in Italy. French was recently featured on nationally-syndicated The CEO Show, recognized as one of Forbes’ Five Entrepreneurs You Should Know and named one of the Atlanta Business Chronicle’s 40 Under 40. When he’s not in the test kitchen, French enjoys spending time with wife Natalie, daughters Anna and Scarlett and their three dogs.

Bucky Cook, CEO
Bucky Cook is Chief Executive Officer of Your Pie. His extensive experience in the restaurant and franchising industries dates back to 1984, when he joined Heavenly Ham as a startup and led the brand for 15 years as CEO. He helped take the ham retailer from 10 to 230 units before the brand was sold to competitor HoneyBaked Ham. In 2010, Cook became the CEO of Your Pie, a new and in-demand fast casual pizza concept. He loved the idea so much, he even became a franchisee. With a deep understanding of both sides of the operation, Cook was able to grow a relatively new brand to include more than 55 locations expanding out of the Southeast and across the country. A cum laude graduate of the University of Georgia, in his spare time Cook enjoys playing golf and traveling with wife Shelley.

Ken Caldwell, VP of Franchise Development
Ken Caldwell serves as the Vice President of Development for Your Pie. Caldwell brings more than 25 years in franchising and a documented track record of success to the brand. He and his team spearheaded Your Pie’s expansion and have helped to grow the brand to more than 55 franchises across the U.S. Caldwell began his career in corporate banking, but quickly caught the entrepreneurial bug with Heavenly Ham, alongside Your Pie CEO Bucky Cook. Caldwell helped grow Heavenly Ham to 230 units before the brand was sold to competitor HoneyBaked Ham. He then managed the HoneyBaked Ham Co.’s franchise division, taking the brand from 35 units to more than 150 during his seven-year tenure. In his spare time, he loves to coach youth baseball, play golf and spend time with wife Keri and sons Ben and Charlie.
HISTORY

2006

22-year-old Drew French marries his high school sweetheart, and the pair honeymoon on the volcanic Island of Ischia, off the coast of Naples, Italy. This charming Italian village spurs French’s imagination, and the Your Pie concept is born.

TODAY: While family recipes and Italian culture helped lay the foundation, Your Pie has continues to innovate with new ingredients, fresh recipes and endless choices to create a one-of-a-kind experience with traditional roots, but a flair all its own.

2008

Fueled by inspiration from Drew’s trip to Italy, Your Pie opens its inaugural store in Athens, Ga., and forever changes the way people experience pizza.

TODAY: Athens continues to serve as home to Your Pie HQ, with a growing team of ~20 corporate members providing systemwide support.

2010

Your Pie begins franchising, and the brand introduces its innovative, fully customizable pizza experience to new communities across the Southeast.

TODAY: Your Pie has more than 55 locations across the United States, with more than 50 in development.

2016

Communities outside of the Southeast start to get a taste of Your Pie. The company continues its pursuit of being a globally-admired brand by creating a culture that improves the lives of the Your Pie Family.

TODAY: Your Pie continues to grow far beyond the Southeast, with locations in California, Colorado, Montana, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma and more.
Five Great American Entrepreneurs You’ve Never Heard of But Should Know

16 Young Restaurant Leaders to Watch

Fast Casual’s Top 100 Movers & Shakers 2018

Drew French, Founder and CEO of Your Pie, Shares the Story Behind America’s First Brick Oven, Customized, Rapid Service Model Pizza Chain’s Explosive Growth

A Thousand Pizzas of Light: Your Pie Franchise Donated 1,000 Free Pizzas to Families in Need

Drew French and Bucky Cook with Your Pie

Celebrate Pi Day Tomorrow with $3.14 Pizza, Free Pizza and More

Literally All The Chains Offering Free Ice Cream This Weekend

The Top 200 Food and Restaurant Franchises of 2018

5 Ways Leaders Excel In Teams With Millennials, Gen X, Boomers
As the original fast-casual pizza concept, Your Pie lends itself to a variety of story angles & speaking topics. Your Pie’s robust leadership team is comprised of millennial founder Drew French, seasoned CEO Bucky Cook and expert VP of Development Ken Caldwell. From corporate leadership to local store owners, the Your Pie team is always happy to share the brand’s story and speak as a trusted resource across a variety of verticals. Potential topics include (but are not limited to) the following:

**Culture**
- Casting a Unified Corporate Vision Amidst Competing Priorities
- Combining Creativity & Operations for Amplified Brand Success
- Creating the “Best First Job Ever”

**Leadership**
- Millennials & Seasoned Veterans: Bridging the Generational Gap Across Leadership Teams
- How to Turn Vision into Executable & Profitable Success
- Why Humble Leadership Leads to Longterm Success

**Franchise**
- Ensuring Longevity: Growing Smart Versus Growing Fast
- Landing the Right Franchisees to Grow Your Vision
- Execution: The Only Differentiator That Matters

**Fast-Casual**
- Innovation & Customer Experience: Staying Fresh in the Crowded Fast-Casual Space
- Hiring & Retaining a Millennial / Gen Z Workforce

**Social Good**
- Aligning Passion with Purpose While Growing a Business
- Casting Vision: Building a Brand that Gives Back
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