

Houston Striggow '79 Bio

Houston Striggow '79 graduated from The School of Hospitality Business at Michigan State University in 1975. After a two-year stint with Victoria Station Restaurants, he enrolled in Johnson & Wales University's Culinary Arts program; he graduated in 1979.

Striggow worked in Connecticut from 1980 until 1992. During this time, he formed a restaurant company called Entertaining Moments, Inc., and opened a total of 9 restaurants in Connecticut and Florida.

Until 2000, Striggow worked for a wide range of restaurant groups, including two tours with the House of Blues opening venues around the country as general manager and, later, general manager of new openings; president of Murray Lender's Café Nova; and vice president of Leirum LLC, a San Francisco entertainment/hospitality development company.

From 2001 to 2004, he and his partner, Susan Sarich, ran an award-winning 100-seat French-Mediterranean bistro in northwest Portland, Oregon.

Since 2005, he has been involved in the development and expansion of SusieCakes Bakeries, which Sarich founded. There are currently 27 locations in California and Texas.