

JOE CHAMBERLIN



CEO & MANAGING PARTNER

WEST MICHIGAN WHITECAPS - TRAVERSE CITY PIT SPITTERS



Joe Chamberlin, a Grand Rapids native, has served as CEO and Managing Partner of the West Michigan Whitecaps since 2019. The Whitecaps are the High A affiliate of the Detroit Tigers and play their home games at LMCU Ballpark, a privately held 8,500 seat entertainment venue located just north of Grand Rapids in Comstock Park, MI. Joe's appointment as CEO and Managing Partner ushered in a second generation of his family's controlling interest in the franchise, as the team was founded by his dad, Lew Chamberlin, in 1994.

In his time with the Whitecaps Joe has helped strengthen the foundation that will ensure the team remains one West Michigan's most valued community assets and one of MiLB's premier franchises, while also expanding the organization's reach. In 2017 the organization entered the snack food distribution space, now operating as one of the largest distributors of Dippin Dots Ice Cream in the United States and in 2018 Joe founded the Traverse City Pit Spitters, a summer collegiate baseball team playing in Traverse City, MI, and led the acquisition of Turtle Creek Stadium, one of Northern Michigan's premier outdoor entertainment venues.

Prior to returning to West Michigan and joining the Whitecaps Front Office, Joe served in a wide range of Human Resources leadership roles with Ally Financial, a large financial services company headquartered in Detroit, Michigan. While with Ally Joe spent time based in Atlanta, Chicago, and Detroit. Joe holds a bachelor's degree in Business Economics from The College of Wooster, a small liberal arts school in Ohio, and holds a master's degree in Human Resources and Labor Relations from Michigan State University.

Active in the West Michigan community Joe is a past participant in Leadership Grand Rapids, is a member of the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce's CEO Council and currently serves as a board member with the Whitecaps Community Foundation, The Saint Mary's Foundation and the Young Presidents Organization (YPO) West Michigan Chapter of which he is a member. Joe and his wife Dana are the proud parents of two wonderful boys, Crawford and Becker.