

# THE O2X FOUNDERS

## ADAM LA REAU



Prior to O2X, Adam was a former Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy who began his military career as a Midshipman at the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) in Kings Point, New York. After graduating and earning his commission in 2002, he became the first U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Midshipman to report directly to--and successfully complete--the U.S. Navy's Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) training to earn the title of U.S. Navy SEAL. His efforts helped develop a pipeline for future U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Midshipman to pursue goals of serving their country as U.S. Navy SEALs.

After successfully completing BUD/S and advanced training, he spent his career with Navy SEAL Team Four, Eight and Naval Special Warfare Development Group. Over the next decade, Adam conducted seven combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and other contingency operations around the globe.

Having left active duty in August 2013, Adam attended the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and received a Master of Public Administration. Following his passions, he created a non-profit called 'One Summit' to help build resilience in children with cancer that has helped hundreds of children, spread to three major cities, and results are being utilized in post-traumatic growth studies.

## PAUL MCCULLOUGH



Prior to creating O2X, Paul served eleven years in the U.S. military as a Navy SEAL. He spent his career with SEAL Team Eight and Naval Special Warfare Development Group. Throughout his service, Paul conducted numerous combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and other contingency operations around the globe. Paul left the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer and his highest awards include a Silver Star Medal, 2 Bronze Star Medals with Valor, and 2 Joint Service Commendation Medals with Valor.

After leaving the Navy in 2012, Paul was hired at Eaton Vance Investment Managers where he worked in the Institutional sales team. He left Eaton Vance in 2014 to follow his passion for entrepreneurship and Human Performance. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Marketing from American Military University and resides in New England with his wife and four kids.

## GABRIEL GOMEZ



Gabriel is a former Lieutenant in the United States Navy who began his military career as a Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy (USNA). Gabriel played Varsity Tennis while at USNA and graduated with Merit. He became a Navy Pilot and a Navy SEAL officer, becoming the second person in the U.S. Navy to achieve both. He spent his career with SEAL Team Four.

After leaving active duty, Gabriel attended Harvard Business School (HBS) and received a Master of Business Administration. After HBS, he worked at Bowles Hollowell Conner in Mergers & Acquisitions, Summit Partners, and spent the last 9 years at Advent International in private equity. In 2013, he ran for U.S. Senate seat vacated by John Kerry. After winning the Republican Primary nomination in the special election, he lost the general election. Gabriel then followed his passion and co-founded and runs O2X.