

Gahanna Jefferson Education Foundation
2014 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Brian Kent Jones

Graduated...1980

Resides...Columbus, Ohio

Of the many letters of support for 1980 GLHS graduate Brian Kent Jones, they all had two things in common. Nominators spoke equally of his dedication to his family and his innate architectural and design talent.

Brian received his Bachelor's of Science degree in architecture from The Ohio State University in 1987. He became a State of Ohio Registered Architect in 1992 and worked for several area firms until founding his own company in 1997.

Brian Kent Jones Architects began with a commitment to community-based architecture and planning. Building upon the tenets of New Urbanism, his firm is dedicated to designing homes, civic institutions and urban spaces that contribute to the development of neighborhoods. Several of Brian's architectural designs have been featured in national publications such as *Town and Country*, *Better Homes and Gardens* and *Period Homes*. Other projects have been selected for the BIA Parade of Homes, and one resident in Napa was used in a Ralph Lauren photo shoot.

Locally, Brian has led his skills and expertise to develop the signature designs of areas such as the city of New Albany and Lifestyle Communities.

"One of his particular skills is his capacity to build upon ideas of others in achieving design solutions that incorporate the best thinking of all involved," said Gerald McCue, advisor to the New Albany Company. "Brian has the respect and affection of his clients, of fellow practitioners and the communities in which he works."

William Ebbing, President of The New Albany Company, notes that Brian's background and stylistic design has contributed to the nationally-recognized aesthetic trademark of New Albany.

"His creative spirit and penchant for masterful design are integral to our firm, and our community at large," Ebbing said. "As New Albany evolves, Brian directs, and works in concert with, community leaders and world renowned planners and architects to realize Les Wexner's vision."

In addition to his work, Brian is a board member for Malabar Farms, is active in Central Ohio Youth for Christ and is a Pelotonia participant. Brian and his wife Helen have four children; his family is of the utmost importance.

"As Brian's artistic DNA led him to become an inspired architect and skilled doodler, his spiritual DNA led him to be a teacher, a poet, a humanitarian, a humble philanthropist, and, most importantly, a big-hearted, gracious friend," said nominator and colleague Kevin Knight.