

Alumni Success Stories



Joseph Jeup

L'Anse Creuse High School - North
Class of 1985

Furniture designer, manufacturer, owner, **Joseph Jeup Design Studio, Inc.**
Education: Lawrence Technological University, architecture
BFA in furniture design from Kendall College of Art & Design, Grand Rapids

Jeup started his manufacturing and design company, Joseph Jeup, Inc. in 1997. The company focus was high-end architectural projects to service the Grand Rapids and Chicago A & D market. In 1999, Jeup launched his own furniture design collection in the Chicago design show and built up a showroom distribution network in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Dallas, Miami, San Francisco, Minneapolis, Scottsdale, Denver and Taipei. In 2006, he started Joseph Jeup Design Studio and has developed private label designs for luxury brands such as Donghia and Holly Hunt, among others. His products are sold in London, Paris, Moscow, and Sao Paulo. In 2008, Jeup designed and built a 47,000 square foot state-of-the-art furniture manufacturing and design headquarters in Grand Rapids with 33 employees.

Joseph Jeup supplies furniture to A-list stars and the Ritz Carlton Group, Four Seasons and Fairmont Hotels, to name a few. (www.josephjeup.com)

My time at L'Anse Creuse High School-North

"I am often asked how I got my start in my career and I always tell the story of Buzz Van Almen, my sixth-grade shop teacher," said Jeup. "He saw something in me at that early age and encouraged me to make a desk when other kids were making aluminum rings. The attention and guidance I received from him led me to work at a local cabinet shop while attending L'Anse Creuse High School-North."