Brian & José

About Us

Our story started as many in this 21st century do, online. We met in 2011 and at the time we were 2,000 miles away from each other and really didn't think our initial contact would amount to anything. Not long into talking, we both knew there was something there, so we took the plunge, married in 2017 and haven't looked back since.

We've been blessed with incredibly accepting families and friends. Although we come from very different paths of life, Jose is a first-generation American with Mexican heritage, we find commonality in how much we value the relationships in our lives. We both embrace cultural differences and value the diversity and traditions that shape who we ultimately become. Other than family, we both take a lot of pride in our work in higher education settings. Brian advises students, while Jose has transitioned into an HR role that builds and develops staff and employees.

Beyond our jobs, we love spending time with family and friends, and make sure to enjoy the occasional date night. We like the outdoors, whether it's exploring nearby parks or just kicking back by a cozy fire; except for camping, too many critters! We love decorating for the the holidays and we host a large Thanksgiving dinner yearly. We're excited to share this with a child, making new memories and traditions together.

OUR Fun Facts

JOSÉ		BRIAN
HR People Analytics Director	• **Occupation** •	Academic Advisor
Master's - Human Relations	• **Education** •	Master's - Human Relations
The Nanny/Friends	• **TV Show** •	Schitts Creek
Sister Act 1 & 2	• **Movie** •	Mean Girls
Christmas/Winter	• **Holiday/Season** •	Christmas/Fall
So far, New Orleans	• **Vacation** •	New Orleans/Tulum
Craft, hike, travel, cook	• **Hobbies** •	Reading, cooking, traveling, hiking

ABOUT José BY BRIAN

My first impression of Jose was from his profile picture, which was him holding his baby niece. I knew I always wanted to be a father, so this captured my attention. As we got closer, our shared desire to be parents someday is one of the first big topics we bonded over. He is very loyal, and willing to do anything for the people he loves. He is extremely driven and goal-oriented, a hard worker, and extremely organized. He is a great cook and loves to travel and explore new places, all of which are qualities that I think will make him a great father. While he can be serious when he needs to be, he has a generally fun-loving and goofy personality and loves to laugh and make others laugh. He is one of those people who it is just impossible not to love, as friends and family often tell me. I absolutely cannot wait to see him as a father and am so honored to be on this journey with him!

ABOUT Brian BY JOSÉ

One of my favorite ways to always sum up Brian is as a ridiculous person. From the moment we started talking I knew there was something different about him that just made me smile. He has a way to be funny without even trying. Family and friends joke that no one can sit next to him because he's always causing some kind of mischief. That's just the person he is. He likes to have fun, he loves to be around the people he loves, and he likes making things light and fun. Brian is also incredibly loving and devoted. There's truly no one quite like him, and I consider myself extremely fortunate to have grown with him. I have absolutely no doubt that he'd carry this same sense of fun and mischief into the role of a father. I can't wait to share the adventure of parenthood with him and witness the infectious happiness he'll bring into our family's life.

Our Home

We bought our home in 2016 with the full intent to grow into it. We live in a two-story, four-bedroom, colonial style home. We love the wooded area right in our backyard, the neighborhood swimming pool and community events. This is a safe, diverse, and growing suburban community with a good school district, local parks, and close to big city cultural amenities. We share our home with our cats Daisy and Lilly. Daisy can be shy and likes to roam and get lost in the house. Lilly thinks she's the boss, and she is very talkative, sometimes argumentative. They can be shy but warm up to people quickly. We can't wait for them to bond with a child as much as they've bonded with us!

Sunset Beach with Cousins

Bowling with Jose's family

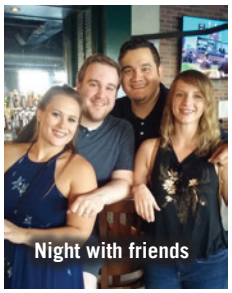
Brian and Friend

Our Family

We are both very fortunate to come from loving families. Jose has one younger brother, who has a wife and two daughters, in addition to his parents. They all live across the country, which allows us the opportunity to travel to visit them. In contrast, Brian's parents are just 15 minutes away, and we're surrounded by a very large extended family. At least once a month we get together with each side of Brian's family and share laughs and memories.

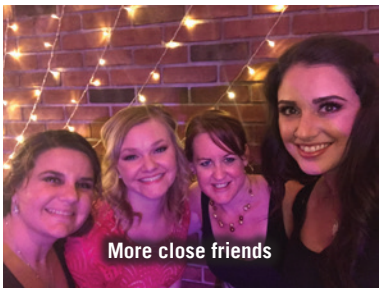
In addition to our amazing families, we have a great group of friends both locally and across the country, many of whom are people we have known since childhood. Many of our friends have little ones of their own who we have loved watching them grow. We have so many friends' traditions for various holidays, big group vacations, and we cannot wait to add another little one into the mix!

Brian with cousin


Night with friends

Painting with friends

Close Friends


More close friends

Jose and his mom

Social circle at friend's wedding

Jose with parents

Hockey game with friends

Brian's grandmother and cousins on vacation

Brian's parents, aunt and cousins

Birthparent Letter

We'd like to start off with a great big thank you for taking the time to get to know us. The fact that you're here means more than you know and words cannot express how much we respect and admire you for the selfless act you are undertaking as you make this adoption plan. We have both always wanted to become fathers and experience the joy of raising a child. We built the foundation of our relationship and home to welcome a little one into our lives. We have a great support system who are just as excited as we are for this opportunity. We are prepared to love unconditionally, fill our lives with memories, immerse a child of any race or gender fully into our diverse backgrounds, and truly fill our home and lives with even more love. This is possible because of birthmothers like you, so once again, we are eternally grateful to you, and we offer our full support to you as you navigate through this journey.

Brian and Jose

What Adoption Means to Us

We've considered all our options as a same-sex couple, and the choice for us was clear: newborn adoption. It's not just about expanding our family; it's about embracing the uniqueness that each child brings into this world and experiencing all stages of fatherhood. Adoption, to us, means the chance to nurture, to learn, to grow, and to give a child the love they deserve. We often joke that we're gaining parenting skills from dealing with each other, our kitties, and our nieces and nephews; learning patience, responsibility, and unconditional love. We know it won't be easy and a different kind of journey, and we don't promise to be perfect, be we promise to be fully committed and devoted to any child that enters our lives. We're ready for this incredible journey, and we can't wait to share it with a little one who will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

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