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## Creative director selected from within ranks at JAK Creative Design Local digital designer to lead award-winning art/writing team

Darien, Ill. (Aug. 15, 2017) — JAK Creative Design recently gained a creative director in long-time employee Chris Garland. Over the past 10 years, Garland advanced from a junior designer role to become JAK's digital director. This summer, the company's president and CEO, Jill Kerrigan, named Garland JAK's new creative director.

"Since Chris joined the JAK team, he has been a calming voice of reason," Kerrigan said. "His glass-half-full attitude and willingness to teach and mentor fellow employees has inspired us all. Chris has encouraged the team to strive to improve our skills and the work we do for clients."

Born and raised in the south suburbs of Chicago, Garland received a bachelor of science degree in graphic design from Illinois State University. Since joining JAK in 2007, Garland has made significant contributions to the design department. While he was digital director, Garland spearheaded digital design initiatives, investigated new technologies, and created gift card and package designs. In his new role as creative director, he will oversee JAK's design and writing team.

"My first goal is to streamline a lot of our internal processes and procedures to make intra-office collaboration much more seamless," Garland said.

Founded 22 years ago, JAK Creative Design began with Kerrigan as the sole employee. Since then, JAK has grown to a staff of 13 designers, copywriters, and account executives who represent local and national companies through award-winning branding and design work.

**ABOUT JAK CREATIVE DESIGN:** JAK Creative Design, located in Darien, Ill., is a branding and design agency that creates innovative graphic design solutions to help its clients achieve their goals. JAK's team of designers, copywriters, and account executives has become an integral part of the creative initiatives of clients such as American Express, Exelon, ComEd, and Principal Financial Group. [jakcd.com](http://jakcd.com)

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