

**Hernandez, Jr., Brian:** Born: Nov. 3, 1985. From: Lafayette, LA.

Currently resides in Louisville, KY for most of the year. Rides at the Fairgrounds in Louisiana in the winter months.

Father, Brian Hernandez, Sr. was a jockey for more than 20 years. Brother Colby is a jockey and sister, Courtney, has also ridden professionally.

Brian began galloping horses in Louisiana at age 12 then began riding professionally in 2003 and got his first win on November 29 of that year at Louisiana's Delta Downs. In 2004, Hernandez won 243 races and was voted the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Apprentice Jockey.

In 2009 he rode Rachel Alexandra to two wins in her first five starts. On August 18, 2012, he won the 1,000th race of his career at Ellis Park Race Course and on November 3, 2012, his 27th birthday, he won the most important race of his career aboard Fort Larned, in the Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita Park.

Family: Wife: Jaime; daughters: Jochlyn & Anabelle; son: Ben