

**1. When did you complete the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program and tell us about the time commitment required to be successful?**

I completed the program April 2017. If you are considering this program, it can seem like a hefty time commitment, but it is doable and WORTH it! Our time commitment was for Thurs/Fri every other week for 4 months. I had just had a baby 3 weeks prior to starting the program, and at times wondered how I would make it work, but you make it work and very worth it in the long run, but very important to be 100% committed.

**2. How was the application process and were you kept abreast of what was going on?**

The application process is very easy, completely online, and I was provided with a liaison to contact if I had any questions throughout the process.

**3. What type of business do you own?**

I own a Landscape Architecture Firm called Intreegue Design

**4. Did you find the course work to be helpful in your business? If so, how?**

I found this extremely helpful, tantamount to taking my business to the next level. Essentially think of this program as an MBA for your business. It really helps you get in the mind set of working on your business and not so much in the business.

**5. What two major take a ways did you get from being involved in the program?**

The prime goal is to walk away with a completely flushed out growth plan, the other take away would be the support/peer group of other business owners. I speak to many of my cohorts on a weekly basis as a continued support system, and we also cross pollinate in terms of working together or providing referrals.

**6. Would you recommend the program to others and why?**

YES!!! This program provides you the tools and steps to take your business to the next level, to help navigate the trials and tribulations of being a business owner, and most importantly after you've completed you walk away with a network ready to listen and help you on your journey.