Jon grew up in Eggertsville and graduated from Amherst High School. He received his bachelor's degree from Eisenhower College where he developed his strong interest in government and public service. His two Congressional Internships in Jack Kemp's Washington office further fueled that desire. He received his MBA from The Jacobs School of Management at SUNY Buffalo.

Jon joined First Amherst Development Group in Snyder as they were taking on the re-development of the former UB Ridge Lea Campus. He was instrumental in working with large national companies as well as dozens of start-ups that helped maintain hundreds of good jobs. He was later Project Manager for the development of UB Commons and Sisters Amherst Health Center.

He joined Jones Lang LaSalle in 2001 as Property Operations Manager for HSBC's Western Region branch network before joining DDR/Site Centers and then Kimco Realty, both national publicly traded REITs. His main professional focus was managing commercial assets throughout the Northeast US.

Jon was appointed to the Amherst Town Planning Board in 2003 and was named Chairman in 2010. During his tenure, he also served on the Amherst Capital Planning Committee.

His professional affiliations include Greater Buffalo Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) where he served on the Board of Directors and chaired the Education Committee. He was a founding member of NYS Commercial Association of Realtors and holds a NYS Real Estate License.

Jon and his wife, Colleen, live in Snyder where they raised their two children, Mary and Jonathan.