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Name: Donata Ceretto Giannone

Title: Senior Project Manager, Healthcare

Company: Tecton Architects

Location: Hartford, CT

Place of birth: Catania, Sicily/Italy

Family: Daughter- Terese Nicole Lagana - 20, Son Victor Aldo Lagana - 17

College: Central Connecticut State University - Bachelors, Industrial Technology; Hartford State Technical College - Associates, Architectural Engineering

First job unrelated to your current field: Marino's Bakery at 13 years old - Production and sales

First job in current field: Bristol Hospital second year in college- Architectural Designer/Draftsperson

What your firm does now and its plans for the future? Tecton is currently among the largest architectural firms in the area. Our steady growth has been achieved by successfully promoting the vision of our clients. In the future, we will continue to push conventional boundaries to find the ideal balance between project goals, budget and timetable to provide the best design solutions employing the most advanced technology.

Hobbies: Cooking, running, golf, sailing

Keys to success: Striving to be a positive role model for my children. Learning and understanding how to successfully contribute to the healthcare, facilities/engineering arena.

Person(s) you most admire (outside of family): John Smith, my first VP, for 20 years, who taught me the school of hard knocks with respect and tough love tactics. I will never forget his quote to me during our disagreements, "Life was so much easier when men were men and women knew it!"

If you had to choose a different profession, what would it be? Chef