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## Professional Profile: Melissa Ragonese, 2014

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Name: Melissa Ragonese

Title: Interior Designer

Company: Amenta Emma Architects

Location: Stamford, CT

Place of birth: New Haven, CT

Family: Parents: Karen and Vince, Two younger brothers: Matt and Vince

College: Pratt Institute- Brooklyn, NY

First job unrelated to your current field: Front store clerk at Towne Pharmacy

First job in current field: Interior Designer at Amenta Emma Architects

What your firm does now and its plans for the future? Amenta Emma's growing Stamford office focuses on modern, stream-lined corporate interiors projects. Our office plans (and has already begun) to gradually expand its portfolio of work to include some healthcare and hospitality projects, as well.

Hobbies: Cooking, baking, trying new foods, taking dance classes in NYC, traveling, relaxing at the beach, spending time with friends and family

Favorite novel: Here are a few favorites- The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo series, The Hunger Games series, just finished an excellent memoir called The Boy on the Wooden Box by Leon Leyson

Favorite film: "Amelie"

Keys to success: Smile. Do your best. Don't sweat the small stuff.

Person(s) you most admire (outside of family): Ellen DeGeneres.

If you had to choose a different profession, what would it be? Dancer and choreographer/teacher