

## Professional Profile: Kara Shypula, 2014

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Name: Kara Shypula Title: Project Coordinator

Company: Hoffmann Architects

Location: New York, NY

Place of Birth: Longmeadow, MA

Family: My Mom and three younger sisters - Alison, Dana, and Kristen

College: University of Hartford

First job unrelated to your current field: Retail

First job in current field: Architectural Intern at The S/L/A/M Collaborative

What your firm does now and its plans for the future: Hoffmann Architects specializes in the rehabilitation of building exteriors. Hoffmann Architects diagnoses and resolves deterioration within facades, roofs, plazas/terraces, parking garages and historic/landmark structures.

Hobbies: Running (NYC Marathon '11, Brooklyn Half '12,'13), drawing/painting, snowboarding,

boxing

Favorite novel: The Alchemist; Breakfast at Tiffany's Favorite film: Finding Nemo; Dumb and Dumber

Keys to success: Be persistent, be confident, and always remember to smile

Person(s) you most admire: I most admire my family and friends. They inspire and challenge me every day to become the best version of myself.

If you had to choose a different profession, what would it be? In Second grade I drew a building and said to my dad "This is what I want to do for the rest of my life." He explained that architects design buildings and I could be an architect. Since then, I knew this was my passion. I'm happy to say I'm living my childhood dream.

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