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Professional Profile: Marcus Maldonado 2014

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Name: Marcos Maldonado

Title: Project Coordinator

Company: Hoffmann Architects

Location: New York

Place of birth: Puerto Rico

Family: Single

College: Syracuse University

First job unrelated to your current field: Research Assistant in an investigation of the Jahangir Mahal temple in Orchha, India.

First job in current field: Fuster & Partners- Architects, in San Juan Puerto Rico.

What your firm does now and its plans for the future? Our firm 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: Tennis, kite surfing

Favorite novel: "One Hundred Years of Solitude," Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Favorite film: "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown," by Pedro Almodovar.

Keys to success: Patience and hard work.

Person(s) you most admire (outside of family): Sergio Fajardo, former mayor of Medellin, and who I had the privilege of meeting while in Syracuse University. With the power of design, Fajardo aided in the transformation of the city of Medellin, from a place of violence, drugs and corruption to a place of calm beauty and peace using architecture and urban renewal as a catalysts for social change.

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