

BIOGRAPHY

Chef Melissa Wiczorek

Melissa Wiczorek is the founder and chef of *A la Maison Personal Chef Service*. She has been a personal chef for over four years. Prior to becoming a chef, she had a long and successful career managing and marketing business education programs for one of the area's leading Universities, where she most recently held a Director's position. Throughout her career she frequently traveled to Europe, where exposure to some of the world's finest ingredients and cuisine further fueled her passion for cooking and the desire to start her own business. The itch to turn her culinary hobby into a career never subsided.



During her college years, Melissa supported herself by working at various establishments including the Chef's Market on South Street in Philadelphia, the Flying Fish Restaurant in Chestnut Hill and the Doylestown Inn. While this was where her passion for cooking and fine cuisine began to grow, she knew that the restaurant business was not for her. An entrepreneurship project during her MBA program led to the discovery of the personal chef industry. Melissa found her niche! Like so many others professionals, she was constantly faced with the challenge of juggling career, family and personal interests, which left her little time to prepare healthy meals for her own family. Recognizing this growing problem in society and the need for healthy mealtime solutions, Melissa decided to combine her business expertise with her passion for cooking. So in January 2005, she traded in her suits for a chef's coat and launched *A la Maison Personal Chef Service*.

Melissa has an MBA in Marketing from Temple University. She continues to develop her culinary talents through cooking classes, self-instruction, and practical experience. Her cuisine is inspired by the Provence region of France. She is an active member of the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce, the Bucks County Foodshed Alliance and the Personal Chefs Network, where she has been recognized as a [Pacesetter Award](#) winner. Melissa resides in Newtown, PA.

A la Maison has been featured on the [NBC 10! Show](#), in *The New Hope Gazette* and in the "Focus on Newtown" and "Living a Dream" sections of *The Bucks County Courier Times*. Learn more at www.alamaisonchef.com.