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A US based certified woman owned company, Merito Group is a consulting firm providing excellence in outsourced solutions in Accounting, Consulting Services and Talent Acquisition.

#### **EDUCATION**

Kansas State University

#### **LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS**

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#### INDUSTRY/SERVICE FOCUS

- Biotech
- Communications
- Education
- Energy
- Entertainment
- Financial Services
- Government Contracting
- Health Care
- Hospitality
- High Technology
- Information Services
- Manufacturing, Retail and Distribution
- Non-Profit/Exempt Organizations
- Professional Services (Consulting, Legal, Engineering, Public Relations, Public Accounting)
- Real Estate and Construction
- Regulatory Affairs
- Telecommunications

#### INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Carolyn Thompson resides in the Washington, DC area and has been an executive recruiter since 1988. She is a credentialed career coach and is frequently called upon by national news organizations such as The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, NPR, CNN, MSNBC, Fortune and Inc. magazines and AOL Jobs among others to contribute content on a variety of topics. Her articles on career development, executive coaching, recruiting and the employment industry have been published in various national magazines, trade journals, and on the Internet. She regularly donates her time as a volunteer speaker for resume workshops and job fairs across the nation.

Carolyn is also the author of RESUMAZING - Ten Easy Steps to a Perfect Resume, SEARCHENEERING - Ten Steps to Finding the Perfect Job, and PROMOTICATION - Ten Secrets to Getting Promoted available in bookstores and on Amazon.com.

Her blog can be found at www.JobSearchJungle.com.

### PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

- BioPharma Global, Board Chair, 2017 Present
- My Sister's Place, Board Member, 2016 Present
- Washington Women's Leadership Initiative Founder
  - o Board Member, 2016-Present (Board Chair, 2014-2015)
  - o Access Leadership Board Program CoChair w /GMU, 2016 present
- Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital
  - o Board Member, 2017- present
  - o Presidents Circle, 2016- present
  - o Program Partner, 2001-2004
- George Mason Women in Business Consortium, Member, 2014 2017
- National Speakers Association, *Member (Board Member, 2012)*
- International Coach Federation, *Member (Board Member, 2011-2013)*
- The Pinnacle Society, Member 2006- present
- ASA Placement & Recruiting Section Policy Council, Member, 2010
- Country Club of Fairfax, Member present
  - o Long Range Planning Committee, 2010-2011
  - o Membership Committee, 2008-2009
  - o Fitness Center Committee, 2007-2008
- Arlington County Adult Education, Program Chair, Creative Arts, 2001-2004