



Community Service

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As Managing Director of the executive search firm, Columbia Consulting Group, Julie Mercer is widely respected both for her ability to recognize talent and her relationship development skills. Honing those abilities throughout her early careers in newspaper reporting, advertising and non-profit management, she has made it her business to know where to find top talent – whether she's seeking a CFO for a Fortune 50 company or recruiting board members for a worthy non-profit.

Ms. Mercer generously brings those skills and passion to numerous worthy causes, providing board leadership for organizations such as the YMCA, McDaniel College, the Center Club, St. Agnes Cancer Center, American Red Cross, St. Joseph Medical Center, and Baltimore Clayworks. A life-long United Way advocate, she serves on its board and is co-chair of the 2008 United Way Campaign.

Ms. Mercer has been named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women three times by The Daily Record, earning her induction into the organization's Circle of Excellence. In 2003, she was honored by Girl Scouts as one of its five "Distinguished Women." In 2005, she received the United Way's top volunteer recognition, the Clementine Peterson award. That same year, an award was named in her honor by the GBC Leadership Program, whose board she chaired for three years. Today, the Mercer Class of Distinction Award recognizes a former Leadership class which best exemplifies her spirit of voluntaryism and philanthropic giving.