

Basilica Employment Ministry Job Coaches

John Benzick

John is a business development expert who has significant marketing, communications, and development experience and can coach those people experienced in those areas or those new to them.

Colin Chisholm

Colin Chisholm is Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer of Chisholm Brothers Publishers, Inc.; TCN Networks, Inc.; First Edinburgh Financial LLC, and a Trustee of The Chisholm Foundation. He has served on boards of numerous organizations and has experience and contacts with national and international corporations and organizations. Colin is an expert in building networking skills.

Jerry Gale

Specializes in marketing and sales position coaching.

Graf, Ghada

Ghada is a recruiter working with Wells Fargo on placing clients in Minnesota and nationally. She has extensive expertise in all areas of the job search.

Esther Hollander Felsen

Esther is experienced at solving customer and employee needs. Most recently she has been a recruiter for Volkart May and as a leader and facilitator for WomenVenture. She is experienced in working with people on all areas of the job search.

Shelley Jensen-Decker

Career development professional with significant experience in higher education, not-for-profit and corporate settings. Proven track record of leading teams/direct reports to develop and deliver innovative programs from initial concept through implementation. Skilled at collaborating with diverse audiences including clients, students, employer partners, community organizations and alumni. Experience in all aspects of department management, including budgets, human resources, and policy development. Strong communication and presentation skills. Most recent employment at the Carlson School of Management, Graduate Business Career Center.

Lee Levitan

Brings ten years of job search experience to helping people with barriers to success find jobs. He has worked at Recovery Resource Center, Ramsey County Workforce Solutions, and Minnesota Workforce Center helping people find work.

Teresa Mazzitelli

Teresa is an executive with 36 years experience in corporate talent acquisition. She is president of The Mazzitelli Group which consistently ranks in the top-tier of Twin Cities search firms. She currently teaches at MnSCU and has expertise working with people who are re-branding themselves for the job search.

Diane McCarthy (on leave in the winter)

Diane McCarthy graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a B.S. in Education. Prior to retirement, she owned a consulting firm specializing in management development and organizational design. Diane started her career with IBM where she worked for 17 years in training, sales, marketing and managerial positions. After their two daughters were born, she joined Pillsbury as Director of Human Resources. Her experience with a major downsizing, led her to Drake, Beam, Morin, a large outplacement firm. As Senior Vice President and Managing Director, she was responsible for selling the services of outplacement to midwestern corporate clients and delivering them through counseling to the affected employees. Diane continues to help individuals with their employment needs, is a committee member of the Park Nicollet Eating Disorder Institute for the Major Gifts Campaign focusing on the research and development of the program.

John Merladet, Ph.D, MBA, LP

An occupational, business oriented psychologist with over ten years of experience in the application of psychological and behavioral principles to facilitate individual and organizational growth and change. In addition to strong skills in assessment, teaching problem solving and analytical abilities, other major strengths include talent management, recruiting, keen understanding of organizational dynamics, outplacement, coaching and excellent written and oral communication skills. Currently employed with the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Leslie Philmon (phone coach)

Leslie is currently working for HIRED helping those in job transition. She has worked at Opus Corporation, TCF Bank, and the Career Transition Center in Chicago. She is a resourceful OD/Training Manager with strong skills in Leadership and Team Development, Training Curriculum Design, Career Management Coaching, Employee Wellness, and Human Resources Administration. Leslie has a passion for helping people identify their strengths and unique gifts and leveraging talents to accomplish goals. She is a longtime volunteer with the Basilica. She is pursuing a career change to health and wellness and will be integrating her coaching and facilitation background with Shiatsu and Yoga in her forthcoming business Ananda Sacred Healing. She is available for phone coaching and phone interview help.

Barbara Slater (on leave)

Since 1999, Barbara has served as a recruiter for several professional search firms. She looks at the big picture and keeps people hopeful in their job searches while teaching them the concrete skills they need to succeed.

Douglas Texter

Resume and Interviewing Specialist. Currently teaching at MCTC and Normandale Community College.

