ABOUT ISAACSON, MILLER

Isaacson, Miller is a national executive search firm devoted to recruiting exceptional leaders for mission-driven organizations. Our founders created the firm in 1982, a time when civic institutions rarely used executive search firms.

The firm has grown steadily, and today, Isaacson, Miller stands alone as a large, national, retained search firm dedicated to the full range of public and civic missions. We have active practices in higher education, science and social science research, human services, conservation and environmental defense, human and civil rights advocacy, K-12 education, academic and community healthcare, philanthropy, arts and culture, and community-based economic development, with sub-specialties in almost every functional area.

Many of our clients and past candidates become part of an extended network that shares our goal of strengthening the civic infrastructure. They see their own missions reflected in the work of the firm and choose to assist us, generously, in our quest for the finest talent in their fields.

The country’s civic community has come to recognize our persistent commitment to recruiting diverse talent. Since we were founded, 42% of our placements have been women, and 23% have been people of color, with a total of 54% diversity hires.

Isaacson, Miller is a mission-driven business committed to the recruitment of powerful civic leaders who raise our own and our clients’ competitive aspirations. We believe that civic organizations are essential to a strong civil society, a vigorous democracy, and to a free market economy. Civic institutions educate us all. They encourage the marketplace of ideas through research, teaching, and advocacy. They inspire innovation, and, through foundations and philanthropy, they arouse the charitable endeavors of private citizens. The civic sector serves as the guardian of our economic and societal strength. We have made its success our business.

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Julie Filizetti came to Isaacson, Miller in 2007 after 16 years in higher education administration. Her practice at Isaacson, Miller focuses on higher education leadership roles including presidents and CEOs, vice presidents, provosts, deans, and directors. She has conducted searches in academic medicine, training and development, advancement, research, and technology. Before joining the firm, she was the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. She served as a fellow of the American Council on Education (ACE), the nation's premier higher education leadership development program that prepares senior leaders to serve American colleges and universities. She completed her fellowship at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, during the 2005-2006 academic year. She also spent 12 years as a naval officer, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Julie was a member of the board of trustees of Menlo College and served as
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