

Merle Burleigh Resume

I graduated from the University of Colorado with major in sociology, minor in political science and psychology. I have been a resident of West Chicago since 1978. I am a widow, have four children and eight grandchildren.

I have been employed at various companies, but the most recent full time employment was West Chicago Press for almost 20 years, where I had a variety of responsibilities. These included advertising, circulation, legals, receptionist and reporter.

I am currently an independent contractor for City of West Chicago. I write a weekly column, "At Home with Merle," providing information about events, organizations, businesses, churches, schools and such in the community. I have been writing this column since 2005. It has a large readership.

I am in the West Chicago Historical Society and assist on the Blooming Fest and Frosty Fest committees. Because of my column, I attend many events, keeping in touch with the pulse of the community and the residents.

References are Ruben Campos and Sara Phalen. If you need contact information for them, please advise.