

BETHESDA, Maryland — Laura M. Labovich, Founder and CEO of The Career Strategy Group, graduated from the [Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business Program](#) (10KSB) in December, 2018.

[The Career Strategy Group](#) is a boutique career transition firm that provides personalized career coaching, award-winning resume writing solutions, and a suite of digital tools that have been proven to accelerate career success and fulfillment for those who are unemployed or unhappily employed.

Labovich and her team at The Career Strategy Group solve the "I hate my job" and "I need a job" problems. By teaching a rigorous job search methodology that shaves months off a long, daunting job search, they enable job seekers to land a job in *half the time of the national average*.

Labovich and her 39 classmates in Baltimore's Cohort 5 were chosen from a large pool of applicants for this competitive program.

The 10KSB program, launched in 2009 by Goldman Sachs and the Goldman Sachs Foundation, is based at Babson College in Wellesley. The goal of the program is to aid 10,000 small businesses through education and mentorship. Nationally, the program has approximately 7,600 graduates that hail from every facet of business.

“This has been an extraordinary experience,” Labovich said. “Being in a room with 39 highly accomplished entrepreneurs, and learning from experts on business growth, strategy, finances and leadership has opened my eyes to the enormous impact my organization can have on the community. I found this to be one of the most rewarding professional development experiences in which I have ever participated.”

Labovich is heavily involved in her local community as a Board member of a Kensington-based nonprofit, Parent Encouragement Program (PEP) and a member of the Bethesda Chamber of Commerce, HR Alliance, HR Leadership Forum and Women Business Owners of Montgomery County (WBO).