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Russell-McCloud's analytical ability to substantively address issues, including achieving excellence, assuming leadership, managing workplace diversity, women and youth issues, business ownership, and business operation, has motivated numerous audiences to make a positive difference. She has been the speaker of choice for corporations, foundations, school districts, government agencies, colleges and universities, and civic and community organizations throughout the United States, the Caribbean, Great Britain, South Africa and West Africa.

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