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Monday, February 10, 2014

For any of the following activities:

- 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. Career Conversation Lunch with Students in Brassfield
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Mock interviews with Students (CPC Suite)
- 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Informal Career Conversation with Students (CPC Suite)

Please RSVP for these activities in Strategy

*Lunch Event #486

*Mock Interviews Event #272



Randy DeCleene joined kglobal in May 2011 as a senior vice president. He has more than 15 years of experience working in both the private sector and government with expertise in public affairs, communications, media outreach, public policy, government relations, lobbying, marketing, public relations, writing, law and campaign management.

In addition to serving as Vice President Dick Cheney's Deputy Press Secretary at the White House, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army at the Pentagon and as a Senior Advisor to the Commanding General of the Third Infantry Division in northern Iraq, DeCleene has counseled high-ranking elected officials, senior business executives, members of the White House staff and Pentagon leadership as well as foreign government leaders. DeCleene's work has taken him throughout the United States and he has spent significant time in Europe and Russia as well as Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait.

DeCleene spent most of 2010 in Tikrit, Iraq, at Contingency Operating Base Speicher, as a Senior Advisor for International Politics and Strategic Communications to Major General (MG) Tony Cucolo, the Commanding General of more than 21,000 troops in the Third Infantry Division and Task Force Marne. The area of MG Cucolo's responsibility encompassed all of Iraq north of Baghdad and bordering Iran, Syria and Turkey.

From May 2008 until January 2010, DeCleene worked in the Pentagon as a Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, former Congressman Pete Geren (D-TX). In this capacity, DeCleene handled key projects and priorities on behalf of Mr. Geren, providing him daily counsel. During his time at the Pentagon, DeCleene was also detailed to two notable special projects; the first in the summer of 2009 as a member of a task force researching evidence of alleged detainee abuse by U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the second in early 2011 for 90 days as a political and communications senior advisor to the transition team for the incoming Army Chief of Staff, General Martin Dempsey, now Chairman of the Joint Staff. For his service at the Pentagon and in Iraq, DeCleene was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for the Global War on Terrorism and two Department of the Army Superior Civilian Service Awards.

At Ogilvy and Ketchum, from April 2005 until May 2008, DeCleene handled various public affairs, communications, marketing and government relations related projects. His client roster included the Russian Federation, Gazprom, Louisiana Recovery Authority, Delta Air Lines, PhRMA, Global Health Initiative of the World Economic Forum and Medical Society of the District of Columbia, among others.

As Deputy Press Secretary to Vice President Cheney in 2004 and 2005, DeCleene was a member of the team that designed and implemented communications strategies for the Vice President and his senior staff. During his tenure, DeCleene traveled to 31 states with Cheney on Air Force Two, working with news media on the road and at the White House.

Before moving to Washington, D.C., DeCleene was Press Secretary and Chief Grant Writer for the St. Joseph County (IN) District Attorney and held numerous other political, government, policy and campaign positions throughout Indiana and Illinois.

DeCleene has a bachelor's degree from Indiana University (Bloomington), J.D. from the Valparaiso University School of Law and a Masters in Writing at Johns Hopkins University. Under his own name or as a ghost writer, DeCleene has written for the New York Daily News, USA Today, Washington Times, Washington Examiner, Politico, Roll Call, The Hill, Huffington Post, Savannah Morning News, South Bend Tribune, Providence Journal and the Northwest Current, among other publications.

DeCleene is a board member at The Fund for American Studies and speaks regularly on communications, politics and public affairs at Georgetown and American University.

More About Randy

Nickname:

Hoosier 6

Superpower:

Greater than normal intuition. I think I'm part psychic.

Weakness:

Dunkin Donuts, Caribou or Starbucks coffee – one of them is required every day.

Dirty Little Secret:

I'm terrified of snakes.

Randy in the Juice



The Sky is Falling! The Sky is Falling!

What thing – if press reports and statements from political and military leaders are to be believed – will in the near future lead to the destruction of the United States of America?