Careers in Washington: Getting from OSU to DC

Join us for a panel discussion with two young Ohio State alumni currently living and working in Washington, DC. Kyle Nappi (‘12) serves as a consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton, supporting defense clients and senior policymakers at the Pentagon in Washington. Susan Manchester (‘10) currently serves as the Senior Legislative Assistant for Congressman Raul Labrador (ID-1), focusing on criminal justice issues. She has worked on the Hill for over 5 years. Both proud Buckeyes, Susan and Kyle will share their stories of getting from Ohio State to Washington, tips for making it in our nation’s capital, and career advice for students interested in one day starting a career in Washington. Please join us Monday, September 14th, 5:30-6:30pm in Page Hall, Room 130 (LEC). Pizza will be provided.

Susan Manchester, ‘10
Susan Manchester currently serves as Senior Legislative Assistant for Congressman Raul Labrador (ID-1). She oversees Congressman Labrador’s work on the House Judiciary Committee, focusing primarily on Criminal Justice issues. Prior to working on the Hill, Susan spent a year in Valencia, Venezuela, leading a team of peers in engaging Venezuelan university students on matters of culture and religion. She has a B.A. in Psychology and Political Science from The Ohio State University, and recently completed her Masters in Political Management from The George Washington University. She loves living in D.C. and is thrilled whenever she meets a fellow Buckeye.

Kyle Nappi, ‘12
Kyle Nappi serves as a Consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton supporting defense clients and senior policymakers at the Pentagon in Washington, DC. In this position, he collaborates with senior leadership to maintain team cadence, coordinates strategic initiatives, communicates with key stakeholders, and manages complex, ad hoc projects within the realm of IT policy, governance, and cybersecurity. Nappi also serves in a volunteer capacity as the Director of Social Media for the United States World War One Centennial Commission and is a 2015 George C. Marshall Fellow with the Heritage Foundation. A native of Ostrander, Ohio, Kyle Nappi graduated magna cum laude and with research distinction from Ohio State in December of 2012, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. As an undergraduate, Nappi secured two internships within the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon: one as a John Glenn Fellow performing defense policy research and the second as a public affairs task force advisor. Driven by a curiosity to understand the functionality of bureaucratic organizations, Nappi wrote his senior thesis on the history of the Pentagon’s policy division – the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense of Policy.