

Rachel Décoste

Motivational Speaker and Pundit at Independent

Washington, DC, US

Rachel Décoste is a media critic, educator, and public speaker who has been involved in community activism since her youth.

Biography

Rachel Décoste is a motivational speaker and pundit from Ottawa, Canada. Her op-eds have been published over 170 times in The Huffington Post, the Ottawa Citizen, Le Droit, and many others. She is primarily focused on immigration, integration, racial diversity, and multiculturalism.

Ms. Décoste is fluent in French, English and Spanish.

Ms. Décoste has been a community activist since her youth, engaging in letter-writing campaigns to push for change in issues close to her heart: working with the Children's Aid Society to mentor foster children, volunteering to assist in the care of seniors at a local residence, and participating in the community effort to save the Montfort Hospital, among many other activities.

Ms. Décoste received a Volunteer Appreciation Award for her efforts with the Black Canadian Scholarship Fund and was involved with the Famous 5 Foundation's inaugural year in Ottawa. Her commitment has not been limited to local activities: she has traveled abroad to provide aid to people in need in Peru and Bolivia and helped with a drive to send literature to a library in Haiti.

Ms. Décoste was named in Ottawa's Top 50 Personalities in Ottawa Life Magazine's 2010.

Ms. Décoste is currently pursuing a Master's program at the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Administration at The George Washington University in Washington, DC.

Industry Expertise

Social Services, Non-Profit/Charitable

Areas of Expertise

Community Organizing and Engagement, Political Activism, Political Consulting, Immigration, Race and Racism, Ethnicity and Multiculturalism, Canadian History (non-white) , Diversity and Bias in the Workplace

Affiliations

Frédéric Bastiat Fellow at Mercatus Center

Event Appearances

Ask Women Anything

Media Action's "Ask Women Anything" series

Seminar on Black Canadian Historical Figures

Speaker Series

Education

University of Guelph

B.A. Computer Science

The George Washington Univeristy

M.A. Public Administration

Accomplishments

Ottawa's Top 50 Personalities

2010

Conferred by Ottawa Life Magazine.

Volunteer Appreciation Award

From the Black Canadian Scholarship Fund.

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