

Jack Newcombe



Jack Newcombe became executive vice president and general manager of Creators Syndicate in 2009.

"Jack is the ideal person to take Creators Syndicate to the next level of growth," said founder and CEO Rick Newcombe. "He is brilliant, optimistic and energetic, and he is familiar with new media, having spent the past two years in Silicon Valley getting his MBA at Stanford University studying media and technology. His background in finance and sales with Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley is ideal for helping the company continue as a market leader and expand into new areas of growth."

Newcombe recently received his Master of Business Administration from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business. Between his first and second years, he worked at Wikia, Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales' technology start-up, in San Francisco.

"There will always be a demand for quality content," Jack Newcombe said. "Our job is to understand our readers and give them what they want, no matter the distribution channel."

Some of Creators Syndicate's columnists and cartoonists have known Jack Newcombe for many years.

Columnist and entrepreneur Matt Towery said he found himself in a similar position. "As the former CEO of a privately held company founded by my father, I recognize that few sons or daughters come to a business with the skill sets necessary to hit the ground running," Towery said. "Jack is the exception. He has unique charisma, intellect and a work ethic that is rarely found in corporate America. He would be a huge addition to any organization because of his exceptional skills and experience."

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Mike Luckovich said, "I've watched Jack grow up. He's one of the brightest, most upbeat can-do persons I know. During this time of media transition, it's exciting to know he'll be at Creators."

One Big Happy creator and artist Rick Detorie said, "Jack has the right kind of smarts, passion and enthusiasm that the newspaper syndication business sorely needs right now. As far as I'm concerned, it's a win-win-win-win-win situation for all of us."

2009 Reuben Award-winning cartoonist Dave Coverly, creator of Speed Bump, said he met Jack when he was a teenager. "I followed Jack's school and career paths, and remained unsurprised at all his success in both -- I knew he'd do amazing things, but was most impressed not by how well he did them, but by how well he did so many things. Now I'm thrilled he'll be joining Creators, because I know he'll bring that same sort of drive to the company. Plus, that kid has turned into just a great all-around guy that I consider a friend."

Newcombe earned his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University, majoring in government and Spanish, where he was a four-year varsity athlete and captain of the rowing (crew) team. He has a global perspective, having studied politics while living in Santiago, Chile, having worked with local microfinance programs in Southeast Asia, and having done service work in Tanzania, Africa.