

Destini Y. Hodges

Paralegal Studies, 30+ credits



Destini Hodges proves that “great things come in small packages.” She has distinguished herself at a young age through her dedication and community involvement to the City of Harrisburg.

Hodges is not afraid to stand up for what she believes in. As a senior class president of Harrisburg’s Sci-Tech High School, she led a peaceful protest against the school’s lunches. After a week-long battle, students were able to significantly improve the food options at the school. After graduating in 2008, Hodges studied for two years at Clarion University before transferring to HACC because of financial hardship. Back in Harrisburg, she decided to run for the Harrisburg School District Board. Despite legal challenges about her age, Hodges was elected the youngest member of the Harrisburg School District Board at the age of 21 in December 2011.

From HACC, Hodges transferred to Penn State, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in political science. She is currently working toward a master’s degree in community and regional planning at Temple University while working full time as an administrative office technician in security communications at HACC. In February 2015, she announced her candidacy for Harrisburg City Council.

Hodges is also a community activist. She is vice president of Harrisburg Hope, a grassroots community group dedicated to civil discourse and dialogue. She serves as diversity coordinator for the Presbyterian Women of Carlisle, coordinator for Capital Youth Connections and a Christian education team member for Capital Presbyterian Church.

HACC Impact

“HACC’s professors and staff are deeply invested in the culture of student learning. I would not exchange or give away the values and lessons I learned here at HACC. HACC is a beacon of light in Harrisburg, and all students should deeply consider letting HACC be their first choice for a quality and accessible higher education opportunity.”