


LA ROCHE UNIVERSITY
2023 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CIRCLE AWARD RECIPIENT



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Holly Hippensteel '94, Ph.D., serves as a member of the senior leadership team in the division of Student Affairs at Carnegie Mellon University. She oversees functional areas, including assessment and strategic planning, community standards and academic integrity, civility initiatives and restorative practices, as well as diversity, equity and inclusion.

Dr. Hippensteel partners with CMU's Provost Division in support of the graduate student experience and as a member of the University Education Council. She serves on the President's Commission on Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression, and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Data Best Practices Committee. She also co-chairs the selection committee for Tartans on the Rise, a young alumni of distinction recognition program.

Her previous roles at CMU include Director of Title IX Initiatives and Title IX Coordinator, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Director of Student Life, Associate Director for the Office of the Dean of Students and Coordinator of Community Standards. Throughout her 29-year career in higher education, she has worked as a Graduate Level Course Instructor for Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Director of Campus Life for Chatham University, Area Coordinator for Smith College and Residence Hall Director for Seton Hill University.

Dr. Hippensteel's volunteer positions include Board Member and Volunteer Coordinating Committee Chair for the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Pittsburgh and Elections Official for Allegheny County. Her professional association service includes Directorate Member for the Commission on Campus Judicial Affairs and Legal Issues, and Coordinator of the Lambda Mentor Program for College Student Educators International (ACPA); Region 10 Co-Chair for the Association for Student Conduct Administrators; and locally as a founding member of the Title IX Steering Committee for Pittsburgh Council on Higher Education. Dr. Hippensteel was selected as a member of Leadership Pittsburgh in 2022.

A graduate of La Roche University's Sociology Program, Dr. Hippensteel earned a Master of Arts in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Education Administration with a concentration in higher education from Kent State University.

She lives in the East End of Pittsburgh with her spouse, Ronette, and three children: Spencer, Hanna and Madalyn.

