

Michel A. Hodge, EdD

*An Experienced Servant Leader in Higher Education*



Dr. Michel A. Hodge is a dedicated servant leader in higher education with more than two decades of executive experience at four CUNY institutions. He currently serves as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Strategic Initiatives at the College of Staten Island (CSI). Dr. Hodge approaches leadership as an act of service—centered on listening, building trust, and creating the conditions for others to thrive. His philosophy is deeply rooted in the belief that institutions flourish when people are empowered. He draws upon the Score Card theory of institutional improvement and Achieving the Dream's Holistic Student Support framework to align mission, data, and student success.

Dr. Hodge previously served at York College, Queensborough Community College (QCC), and New York City College of Technology. He began his career at York, leading workforce and experiential learning through the CUNY Aviation Institute—an experience that sparked his lasting commitment to removing access barriers and building student-centered systems across all his subsequent roles.

He has served on the President's Executive Cabinet at each of these institutions, bringing strategic insight to enrollment, planning, and budgetary decisions. At CSI, he plays a key role in a collaborative effort to eliminate a multimillion-dollar structural deficit by Fall 2026. He also leads major initiatives tied to the college's strategic plan and has contributed to CUNY's most recent Strategic Roadmap.

Dr. Hodge is known for his warm, empowering leadership and commitment to inclusive campus environments where students, faculty, and staff thrive. He has led efforts to strengthen enrollment, boost retention and graduation, expand experiential learning, and enhance student life and infrastructure. Across his roles, he has helped integrate advising, enrollment, and support services into holistic, equity-focused systems that advance student success.

An educator at heart, Dr. Hodge has taught college courses at Purdue University, York College, and QCC. He has chaired counseling departments and served on college committees evaluating faculty promotions and departmental budgets, always emphasizing shared responsibility for student success.

Dr. Hodge holds an EdD from St. John Fisher University, an MS from Purdue, a BS from Florida Tech, and an MA in Theology from St. Joseph Seminary. He is an AGB Aspiring Presidents Fellow, a former Greater Jamaica Development Corporation board member, a guest lecturer in higher education at Baruch College/CUNY and Stony Brook University, and teaches adult theology in his church community.