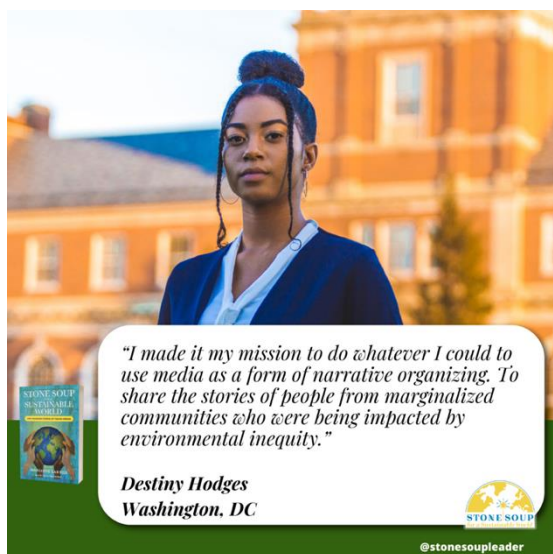




Stone Soup Leadership Institute's
Story of the Week: Destiny Hodges
Week of June 2 – 8, 2024

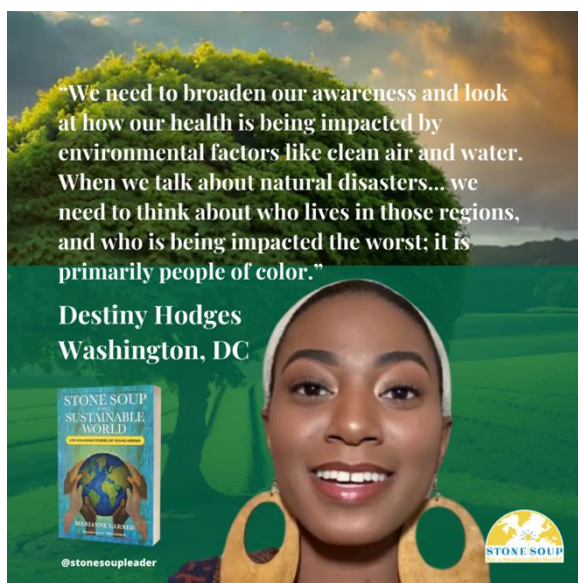


Sunday June 2: Story: Destiny Hodges Washington, DC

READ how Destiny Hodges became a champion for environmental justice after learning about the disparities in climate change reporting in Black and Brown communities. She created opportunities to share their voices – and build networks with activists to amplify the voices of young Black environmentalists.

READ Destiny's story in Stone Soup for the World and in the Stone Soup Educational Curriculum.

Link: <https://sustainabilityisfun.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/story-destiny-hodges.pdf>



Monday: June 3: Destiny Hodges, Washington, DC

Destiny Hodges discovered her passion for covering environmental justice issues working with her high school's newspaper. Her mission was "to share the stories of people from marginalized communities who were being impacted by environmental inequity."

Her journey led to her co-founding Generation Green and then to becoming a producer for Hip Hop Caucus.

Read how she made huge waves of change in both high school and college:

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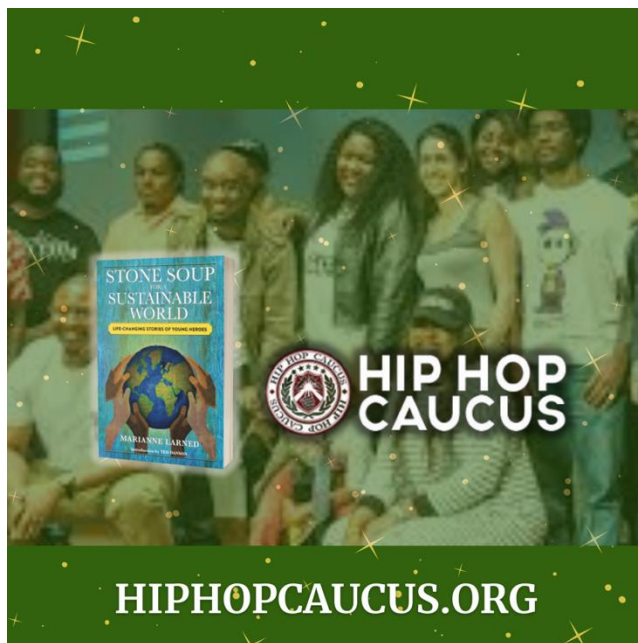
Tuesday: June 4: Destiny Hodges Washington, DC: Hero Report

WATCH this short video of Destiny Hodges discussing the environment and climate crisis through a cultural lens.

Destiny reflects on the importance of the environmental liberation movement created by Generation Green and the

need for the African diaspora to be a strong voice in discussions of climate issues.

<https://youtu.be/geucxLSSF9Q>



Wednesday: June 5: Honor Roll: Destiny Hodges Washington, DC

The Hip Hop Caucus' mission is to use the power of our cultural expression to empower communities who are first and worst impacted by injustice. Their vision is racial justice, healthy communities, and a healthy planet. They have pioneered the cultural narrative to expand its impact, shown up with direct relief and continued solidarity with communities being harmed by systemic injustices, and built non-partisan democracy by engaging voters year-round. They mobilized hundreds of thousands of young BIPOC voters across seven election cycles. They produced HOME (Heal Our Mother

Earth) – the first climate album to move over 60,000 people to action in support of the Clean Power Plan in 2014.

HipHopCaucus.org

<https://hiphopcaucus.org/media-center/in-the-news/>



Thursday: June 6: Hip Hop Caucus & Rev. Yearwood: Institute Feature

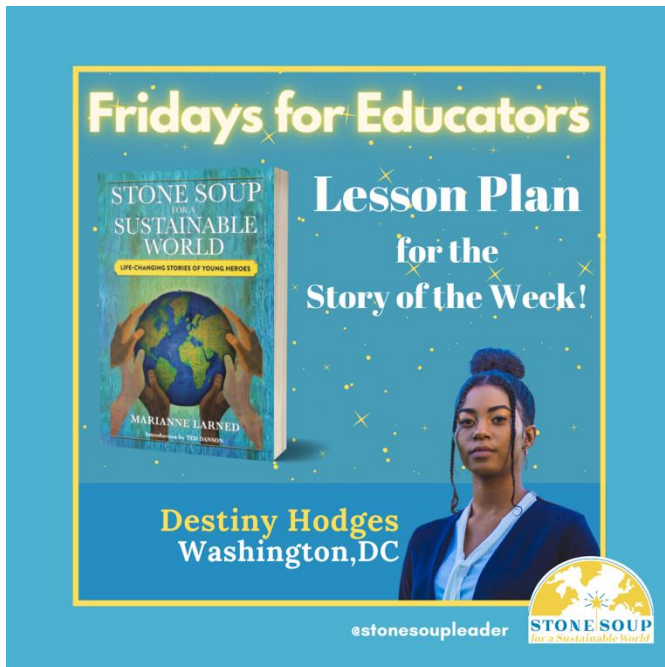
The Institute's Rhode Island Youth Leadership Initiative were honored to be the only young people at U.S. Senator Whitehouse's 10th Annual Energy, Environmental and Ocean Leaders Day.

They were very inspired by Hip Hop Caucus CEO, Rev. Lennox Yearwood Jr. who called for a multi-cultural, multi-issue, grassroots-based, people of color-led climate movement. His emphasis on the importance of young people voting, inspired Maria Rodriguez to register.

Read Maria's story here:

https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Youth-Register-to-Vote-.html?soid=1106306587764&aid=wwNpdu5j_1M

Read more here: <http://www.riyli.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Whitehouse-Newsletter-2019.pdf>



Friday: June 7: Lesson Plan: Destiny Hodges Washington, DC

EDUCATORS use this FREE Lesson plan to help your students learn they can amplify the voices of young black environmental activists around the world.

Help your students learn about the values of environmentalism and collaboration.

Link: <https://sustainabilityisfun.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/lesson-plan-destiny-hodges2.pdf>

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How Nonprofit Generation Green Is Fighting for Environmental Liberation



Saturday: June 8: Destiny Hodges
Washington, DC

Destiny Hodge co-founded Generation Green while at Howard University. The organization notes that environmental liberation and educating others on the meaning has been its overarching goal.

“To Hodges, environmental liberation symbolizes the ideas that ‘environmental justice, climate justice, and Black liberation can only be achieved together, and that Black liberation is liberation for everyone.’”

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Read more here:

<https://www.greenmatters.com/p/environmental-liberation>