

North Carolina State Representative Zack Hawkins



Representative Zack Hawkins believes in A Better North Carolina — a state where every person has the opportunity to live up to their God-given talents and abilities, from Murphy to Manteo, without discrimination and unnecessary barriers. Zack believes deeply everyone deserves a chance to contribute to our state, receive a well-funded and affordable education, have access to affordable healthcare, the opportunity to raise a family with a job that pays a living wage, and have a state government they can trust and that serves their best interest.

Over the past 18 years, Zack has broken barriers within the NC Democratic Party (NCDP) and is consistently recognized as a successful political operative; leading statewide efforts for voter registration, ensuring elected officials are accountable and protecting the most vulnerable constituents. His most recent honor came in November of 2018 as he became the youngest democratic elected to represent Durham in NC House District 31. Zack is driven by a commitment and desire to provide other North Carolinians the same life-changing opportunities he was given and to continue to uplift NC's slogan, "*where the weak grow strong and the strong grow great.*" As a native North Carolinian, Zack's commitment and passion for our state runs deep. Zack grew up on a dirt road in Eastern North Carolina, Beaufort County, in the small town of Chocowinity. This town of less than 1000 people taught Zack a ton about life. Zack received a B.S. in Biology from Elizabeth City State University and later a M.S. of Biology from North Carolina Central University. During this time, Zack remained active in the North Carolina Democratic Party through various leadership roles, volunteer positions, and helped elect Democratic candidates both statewide and locally, dating back to Bush v Gore in 2000. In addition to serving as the immediate past 1st Vice Chair of the NC Democratic Party, Zack also proudly served as 2nd Vice Chair from 2012-15 and President of the Young Democrats of North Carolina.

Beginning his career in education as a science teacher, Zack has always had a sincere passion for education. He has more than 10 years of experience in higher education, nonprofit, and political fundraising; special events; and alumni relations and 18 years of direct community and political engagement. Zack currently serves as the chief development officer for the Division of Student Affairs at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He lives in Durham with his wife, Tracey; sons, Zachari, James Preston and Adam; and golden retriever, Sophie.