

MASC Executive Board Bulletin February 2017

Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

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Greetings Executive Board!

*I believe everyone has a superhero
Inside of them waiting to be
discovered.*



***** IMMEDIATE ACTION *****

• **Action by Saturday, February 11 – MASC Award Applications:** Each year, MASC recognizes our state's finest student councils, principals, and advisors from MASC member schools. Applications are due on or before Saturday, February 11, 2017 (the date of the MASC Legislative Session). Please note that the advisor and principal awards must be submitted through the region (each region is allowed one nomination), therefore, schools should be prepared to submit their advisor and principal award applications to the regional advisor/president in a timely manner to allow the region to make their selection and complete the required recommendations before the deadline. Individual schools submit the Felix Simon Award application directly to MASC. See the web site for an overview or the awards and background information.

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/applications/masc-awards/>

• **Wednesday, February 15th – Registration deadline for the February 18th Executive Board & Health/Social Issues Forum:** North Point High School, Charles County

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/executive-board-meetings/>

• **Friday, February 17 (midnight) – Deadline for Convention workshop applications:** Student leaders (preferably certified trainers) and advisors may submit a workshop to be considered for MASC's April 5-7, 2017, MASC convention. Students **MUST** have a school or regional advisor "sign off" on the application stating that they will work with the preparation and will supervise the presentation at the convention (or secure another advisor from the region to be in the workshop while presented). Students must register for the Convention through their advisor and schools must be a MASC member in order to attend. See the invitation letter, flyer and registration link at the bottom of the convention web site.

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/convention/>

• **Action by Saturday, February 18th – MASC officer applications:** Qualified students may apply for MASC officer candidates (president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, treasurer). Details are on-line at:

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/officer-elections/>

***** UPCOMING EVENTS *****

• **MASC Convention April 5-7, 2017:** MASC member schools will be able to register for the MASC convention. Registration opens on Friday, March 3 and closes on Saturday, March 18, 2017. Details and many forms are already available on the convention website.

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/convention/>

***** ACTION ITEMS *****

• **Please Join MASC – Support the Student Leaders in Maryland:** Easy on-line application! Pay by credit card, check or cash! Full details on-line:

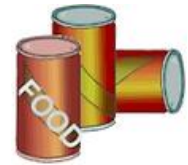
<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/applications/masc-membership-application/>

***** NEWS OF NOTE *****

• **National School Counseling Week:** February 6-10, 2017 - This year's theme is "School Counseling: Helping Students Realize Their Potential."

<http://bit.ly/2iAqZj2>

• **MASC State Charity:** *Maryland Food Bank is MASC's selected state charity. MASC is asking that participants bring a canned food item to EVERY MASC event this year. Please report to MASC every time your school conducts a food drive, has students volunteering at a food bank, or does a fundraiser for a food closet. For other ideas on how your school can support our charity, go to:*
<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/about-us/state-charity/>



• **MASC Web Site:** *Keeping you up-to-date! Bookmark and check out the MASC web site! (Please note: MASC changed our URL to “.org” as we are an organization, not meant for commercial intent or “.com” The “.com” URL will automatically direct you to the “.org” but it is best if you change your bookmark!)*
<http://mdstudentcouncils.org>

***** **NASC NEWS** *****

NASC News is taken directly from the NASC E-Bulletin or the NASC web site (<https://www.nasc.us>)

• **Action by February 15th: NASC National Council of Excellence** – *Middle and high school student councils that provide quality leadership activities and service to their schools and communities can earn national recognition through NASC's National Council of Excellence program. Excellence deserves recognition!*
Details and application: <https://www.nasc.us/distinguished-student-leaders?SSO=true>

• **NASC Conference – June 24-29: Destination New Hampshire:** *The 2017 NASC National Conference is guaranteed to be a rock solid leadership experience when it lands in the Granite State of New Hampshire, June 26–28 (MASC trip June 24-29). With host school Pinkerton Academy leading the way, NASC advisors and student delegates will be a part of the only national event of its kind specifically for student council. The conference features an exciting blend of top speakers and informative workshops promoting excellence in student council leadership. The sky's the limit at the 2017 NASC Conference, so join the MASC delegation to learn, network, and celebrate student council in the spirit of the conference theme: Out of this World Leadership! Check out the [2017 NASC Conference invitation video](#).*
<http://bit.ly/2iFCqco>
Visit www.nascconference.org for more conference details and workshop presenter information.

• **NASC Distinguished Student Leaders Program** – *An NASC challenging national skill and knowledge-based recognition program that identifies outstanding student council leaders in grades 9-12. On-going applications accepted, but be advised that final evaluations of a student's application will take approximately 3-4 weeks. Though NASC does not impose annual deadlines for this recognition, it s recommend that students establish their own timelines, especially if they want to include the recognition on college and scholarship applications.*
Details and application: <https://www.nasc.us/distinguished-student-leaders>

• **National Student Project Database—New Features:** *In support of the NASSP Student Leadership Initiative on Global Citizenship, a new checkbox has been added to the “Project Information” section of the National Student Project Database. If your project reflects one of the five strands of global citizenship, check the box as you fill in your project submission. Users can search for projects tagged as global citizenship using the Advanced Search option. During the coming year, NASC members can look [forward](#) to more upgrades as we work to enhance your user experience with the project database.*
<https://www.nasc.us/student-project-database/home>

***** **REMINDERS** *****

• **Executive Board Bulletin On-line** – *Remember, the monthly Executive Board Bulletin is archived on the web.*
<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/documents/masc-newsletters/>

***** **RESOURCES** *****

NASSP Tips and Tools: Regaining Momentum: *After the flurry of projects and activities in a busy December followed by a well-deserved break, councils sometimes struggle to regain their momentum. Having a well-planned meeting where members review current goals and set two to three new short-term goals for the first 60 days of 2017 can help kick start student leaders and councils to be engaged and move forward. For goal setting, consider using the simple form that is part of the Distinguished Student Leader program.*
<http://bit.ly/2ivz39C>

Feel free to email with questions, comments, concerns or other resources that could be shared with advisors or regional advisors around the state.

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