

# MASC Executive Board Bulletin: January 2017

Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

[www.mdstudentcouncils.org](http://www.mdstudentcouncils.org)



## Greetings!

Being a hero doesn't mean  
You're invincible. IT just means that  
you're brave enough to stand up  
and do what's needed

– Rick Riordan, *The Mark of Athena*



## \*\*\*\*\* IMMEDIATE ACTION \*\*\*\*\*

• **Action by midnight, Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – Registration deadline Legislative Session:** For the second major conference of the year, MASC encourages schools to register for students to participate in the selection of the two final student candidates for the State Board of Education. In addition to selecting leadership workshops to attend, students will engage in debate to take stances on youth related bills in the Maryland General Assembly.

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/legislative-session/>

• **Action by Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – 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, January 28, 2017 (the scheduled 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/>

## \*\*\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

• **Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> – Registration deadline for the February 18<sup>th</sup> Executive Board & Health/Social Issues Forum:** Northpoint High School, Charles County – Link to be posted on under "Upcoming Events" (<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/>) when registration opens January 25<sup>th</sup>.

• **Friday, February 17 (midnight) – Extended 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 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 18<sup>th</sup> – MASC officer applications:** Qualified students may apply for MASC officer candidates (president, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president, treasurer). Details are on-line at:

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

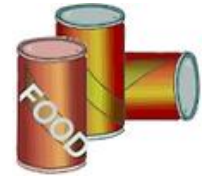
## \*\*\*\*\* ACTION ITEMS \*\*\*\*\*

• **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** \*\*\*\*\*

• **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 15<sup>th</sup>: 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>

• **Pay It Forward through Student Leadership Initiative:** *The NASSP Student Leadership Initiative: Global Citizenship is well underway. Now, your students have a chance to show how they are making global change and give back to their favorite cause or charity. Tell them to share how they are making a difference with a post to Instagram using #MakingGlobalChange. One post each month through 2017 will be chosen to win \$100 for the council's charity of choice in the name of the council. NASC is also recruiting students as global change ambassadors to spread the word about the initiative. Tell your students to visit [www.makingglobalchange.org](http://www.makingglobalchange.org) to learn how to get involved and get contest details.*

• **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/2hmkoss). (<http://bit.ly/2hmkoss>) Visit [www.nascconference.org](http://www.nascconference.org) for more conference details and workshop presenter information. Interested students should look at the preliminary MASC information <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/resources/> look under “NASC” and email [Lance.Ledebur@maryland.gov](mailto:Lance.Ledebur@maryland.gov) for 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>

\*\*\*\*\* **REMINDERS** \*\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*\* **RESOURCES** \*\*\*\*\*

Reflection: Take some time and get completely alone. Try to get away from the house and find a quiet place to reflect. During this time, think and review the past year, making notes of your evaluations along the way. Perform this ritual by asking yourself the following questions:

1. What are my fondest memories of 2016?
2. What were the “big projects” I completed during the year?
3. What were the defining moments during the last year?
4. What did I procrastinate on and fail to get done?
5. What books and mentors had the greatest impact on me? Why?
6. Am I closer to my friends and family from my activities this year?
7. What will be my biggest goals as I move forward into 2017?
8. Where did I neglect to live up to the standards I set for myself?
9. What am I committed to do this next year, to fulfill my “Life Sentence”?

Answering these questions allows you to accomplish two objectives. First, it forces you to focus on the important things in your life and not get lost in the trivial. Second, it furnishes you with a platform to set goals for the New Year.

If you don't already have a “review plan,” give it a try.

Happy 2017!

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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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