

MASC Executive Board Bulletin May 2017

Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

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Greetings Executive Board!

A hero can be anyone, even a man doing something as simple and reassuring as putting a coat around a little boy's shoulder to let him know that the world hadn't ended.

- Batman, *The Dark Knight Rises*



***** SPECIAL IMMEDIATE ACTION *****

• **Action by April 25th: NASC Conference – June 24-29: Destination New Hampshire:** (The early-bird registration for NASC was extended to May 1st, thus MASC was able to extend it's deadline to students!!) **LAST CALL - The 2017 NASC National Conference is guaranteed to be a rock solid leadership experience at host school Pinkerton Academy, New Hampshire, June 26–28 (MASC trip June 24-29). The conference features an exciting blend of top speakers and informative workshops promoting excellence in student council leadership. 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 MASC website for more conference details and workshop presenter information. Students wishing to participate need to email Lance.Ledebur@maryland.gov as soon as possible!!**

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/nasc-lead-conferences/>

• **MASC Staff Applications – April 1 – April 30:** On-line applications for qualified student leaders wishing to apply for MASC staff positions are open during the month of April. Students must have attended at least one event (conference or executive board meeting). The on-line application, contact/commitment form/recommendation are all due by midnight on April 30th....so don't wait to ask your recommender!! Information is posted on the MASC applications page: <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/masc-executive-board-appointed-staff/>

***** CONGRATULATIONS *****

• **2017-2018 MASC Officers:** Congratulations to the newly elected MASC Officers. President-Elect Grace Wu (Montgomery County), 1st Vice President-Elect Joshua Omolola (Prince George's County), 2nd Vice President-Elect: Grace Herron (Harford County), Treasurer-Elect: Bryce Awono (Prince George's County). Officer swearing in will take place at the June 3, 2017, executive board meeting.

• **NASC Nation Councils of Excellence:** Congratulations to River Hill High School (HCASC) for earning a NASC 2017 National Council of Excellence Award – Gold Level (highest level). Challenge your council to become a 2018 National Council of Excellence school! Your 2018 award portfolio and application must include all of your council activities and projects from January 1 through December 31, 2017. New 2018 applications will be available online in July. Set a new standard of excellence for your council. Go for the Gold next year!

<http://bit.ly/2oQ9Syj>

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

• **June 3 MASC Executive Board Meeting:** The last executive board meeting for our current school year is on Saturday, June 3, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., at Huntingtown High School in Calvert County. At this meeting, appointed staff will give their end-of-the-year reports, bids for conferences will be accepted, and the new officers will be sworn in. There will be a special luncheon to recognize the out-going appointed staff, officers and state SMOB. Registration closes Monday, May 29th.

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

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

• **Get a Head Start on Your 2017-2018 MASC Membership – Support the Student Leaders in Maryland:** Easy on-line application! Pay by credit card, check or cash! MASC encourages Regional Advisors not in a school to join as an associate member!! Full details on-line:

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

• **2017-2018 Regional Contacts:** MASC would like to complete our 2017-2018 Executive Board roster with your new regional president, middle school representative, and student member of the Board of Education – these positions are voting members serving on the MASC Executive Board. Once Regional officers are elected/appointed, please ask them or the regional advisor to take a minute to complete the MASC Executive Board contact form.
Link to report – <https://goo.gl/forms/KmsAaNY5Btb08hxR2>

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

• **MASC State Charity:** Please make any final report to MASC about your school's food drives, students volunteering at a food bank, monetary fundraiser for a food closet. The state charity coordinators are putting together their end-of-the-year report and would like to include all of the great service that schools and regions have accomplished.

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/about-us/state-charity/>



• **MASC Web Site:** Keeping you up-to-date! Bookmark and check out the MASC website!

<http://mdstudentcouncils.org>

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

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

• **NASC Membership Renewal:** Schools will soon receive a letter by mail, including an invoice, to renew your school's NASC affiliation for the 2017–2018 school year. Renew before June 30 for uninterrupted communication about new programs and services coming to NASC in the 2017–2018 academic year—all with no increase in the affiliation fee
<http://bit.ly/2oQkMUY> (on-line application)

***** **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** *****

Fundraising: Your Student Council can raise more funds with a lot less stress! Are you tired of trying to sell food, cards, and other random items in order to raise funds for your school? Look NO further, Snap Raise is here to change the game! Snap Raise is an on-line platform that helps student groups across the country raise money without having to sell anything! Snap Raise is proud to be working with the MASC Executive Board this coming Fall! Check out our website: <https://snap-raise.com/home> and please reach out via phone: 301-802-7114 or email michael@snap-raise.com

Communication and Marketing: What is your school/region doing with social media? Want some hints from a few experts? See the file below.

<http://bit.ly/2o9Gcz3>

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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