

MASC Advisor's Bulletin April 2016

Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

Greetings Advisors!

"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are."

- John Wooden



***** IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS *****

• **Action by midnight, Saturday, April 30th:** Appointed staff applications for the 2016-2017 school year are now open. Please encourage interested students to apply. It would be helpful for advisors to discuss with students the time and responsibility commitment for serving in an appointed position. An application packet (pdf and Word versions) is posted on the MASC home page. There is an on-line and paper component to the application and a required in-person interview. See details posted at <http://mdstudentcouncils.com/>

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• **2016-2017 Regional Contacts** – Many regions are conducting their elections this month and next. MASC would like to keep up with your new regional president, middle school representative, and student member of the Board of Education – these positions are voting members of the MASC Executive Board. Once your new officers are elected/appointed, please take a minute to complete the MASC Executive Board contact form. (Regional advisors may contact Lance.Ledebur@maryland.com or MrsKCFord@gmail.com if there are any changes in your status.)
<http://goo.gl/forms/FUU2xVEBnO>

• **MASC Membership** – Not sure if your school is a member of MASC for 2015-2016? Click the link below (the list of member schools is at the bottom of the membership application page). Support student leadership in Maryland – JOIN TODAY! <http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/applications/masc-membership-application/>

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

• **April Green Goals:** Environmental Coordinators have posted this month's Green Goals - check it out!
<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/resources/green-goals/>

• **Maryland Leadership Workshops (<http://mlw.org/>):** MLW's summer programs attract students from around Maryland and the mid-Atlantic region. The geographic, socio-economic, ethnic and experiential diversity reflected in the composition of delegates and staff is an invaluable part of the experience. Concepts and skills are developed during Workshops, Group Projects, Committee Responsibilities and Small Group Discussion Sessions.

Middle School Experience in Leadership - For students entering grades 6 - 8 in Fall 2016

- July 17 – 23 - Application deadline - **May 15**

Senior High Workshops - For students entering grades 9-12 in Fall 2016

- July 24 – 30 - Application deadline - **May 15**

Advanced Leadership Seminar

A highly selective program for those with previous MLW or equivalent leadership experience

- July 10 – 16 - Application deadline - **April 15**

• **MASC 2016-2017 Tentative Calendar Overview:** You can find a VERY tentative calendar overview for 2016-2017. MASC hopes that having these dates will help regions and schools as they plan next year's events.
<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/CalendarOverview2016.2017.pdf>

***** NASC News *****

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

• **National Student Leadership Week:** April 17-23, 2016 is National Student Leadership Week (NSLW). During NSLW, schools around the country recognize and reinforce the important role of student leaders. The 2016 theme is "Right Here, Right Now."
<https://www.nasc.us/programs-and-conferences/national-student-leadership-week>

• **NASC Conference:** Students are invited to “Explore Your Leadership Potential” at the 2016 NASC National Conference June 24–26, at Century High School in Hillsboro, Oregon. **Early Bird registration deadline is May 2nd.** There are a few spaces left in the Maryland delegation. The Maryland delegation will fly out on Tuesday, June 22 and return on Tuesday, June 28th. Interested students should contact Lance.Ledebur@maryland.com

• **National Assistant Principals Week:** The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), parent organization of NASC, has declared the week of April 11–15, 2016, National Assistant Principals Week. Be sure to take this time to recognize the contributions your assistant principal makes to the success of your school and student body. Activity ideas are available on the NASSP website

<https://www.nassp.org/recognition/national-assistant-principals-week?SSO=true>

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

• **Advisor’s Bulletin On-line** – Remember, the monthly Advisor Bulletin is archived on the MASC web. <http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/documents/advisors-bulletin/>

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

Having trouble getting folks in one place for a meeting? Try out these resources

<https://www.freeconferencecall.com/>

Features: FREE

- Host or join conference calls with up to 1,000 callers
- HD audio, screen sharing, and video conferencing
- Recording with Playback (easy to record, share and playback your meetings)
- Web Controls (one-click commands using the web interface from your Meeting Wall)
- One Number (No access code ... No problem. Joining a conference call has never been easier)

<https://www.anymeeting.com/>

Features:

- \$18/month for meetings with up to 30 people, and \$78/month for webinars with up to 100 people.
- FREE Lite option which supports meetings with up to four people.
- There are no charges for for conference calling

<https://www.google.com/tools/dlpage/hangoutplugin>

Google Hangout

- HD video meetings with your entire team - Host Hangouts for up to 15 people within or outside of your organization. The screen automatically focuses on whoever is speaking and intelligent muting prevents background noise.
- Voice or video conferencing

Other free and cheap voice and video conferencing sites:

<https://www.webex.com/>

<https://www.fuze.com/free-video-conferencing>

<https://www.zoom.us/>

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

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