

MASC Advisor's Bulletin December 2015

Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

"Success isn't just about what you accomplish in your life. It's about what you inspire others to do."

"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

What a wonderful "Warming up for Leadership" Fall Leadership Conference on November 14th - a record 587 students and advisors attended. MASC thanks MCR Advisor Katie Rossini, her team of student hosts, and the MASC trainer coordinators for making a great event!

If you are no longer an advisor, please share this email and let us know so we may update our contact information. (Send the new advisor name, school, email to MrsKCrawford@gmail.com.)

Greetings Advisors!

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

• **LEAD Conference** – Students planning on attending the local very affordable NASC LEAD conference (Jan 29-30, 2016, Crystal City, VA) need to notify Lance.Ledebur@maryland.gov / MrsKCrawford@gmail.com on or before December 1st (or as soon as possible!). Early bird registration and payment to NASC is required by December 18th. MASC has a limited number of hotel rooms reserved.

Flyer: <http://mdstudentcouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/LEAD2016MASC.pdf>

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

• **Action by December 16th - December Executive Board Meeting:** Registration for the Saturday, December 19, 2015, MASC executive board meeting is open from Wednesday, December 2 through Wednesday, December 16. The registration link is on the home page of MASC under "upcoming events" (to see the link earlier, go to "events and conferences" and look on the calendar for December 2nd).

<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/>

• **Action by December 21st - Legislative Session trainers:** MASC would like to invite certified trainers to facilitate the workshops at our Legislative Session. Complete information including an invitation letter and registration link is at the bottom of the Legislative Session web site.

<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/legislative-session/>

• **Action by January 2nd - Convention Workshops:** MASC invites students and advisors to present a workshop at our April 4-6 Convention, "MASC Olympics," in Ocean City. The invitation letter and application link are posted at the bottom of the Convention web site.

<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/convention-2016/>

• **State Charity – December fundraising ideas** - MASC's state charity is "Kids Helping Hopkins." The MASC charity coordinators have put together three easy fundraising ideas for December:

<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/KHHDecFundraisingIdeas.pdf>

Learn more about our State Charity at <http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/about-us/state-charity/>

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

• **Action by February 1st - NASC Conference** – The NASC National Conference (June 22-27, 2017) is in Portland, Oregon. Students should notify Mr. Ledebur and Mrs. Crawford on or before February 1st if interested in attending.

Flyer: <http://mdstudentcouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/NASC2016MASC.pdf>

• **Action by February 6th - MASC awards information** – Don't wait until the last minute. Schools should start looking at the MASC Felix Simon Award for their student councils, Advisor and Principal of the Year Award, plus the reinstated State Charity Award. Awards are due Saturday, February 6, 2016. (Note: Advisor and Principal of the Year Award must go through your Region – only one application per Region is accepted...so get your Advisor/Principal application to

your Regional Advisors in time for the Region to select and write the required recommendation letter). *Full details at <http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/applications/masc-awards/>*

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

• Updated MASC Calendar (to include items from this bulletin, executive board meeting locations, etc.)
<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/MASCCalendar2015.16.pdf>

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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***** **REGIONAL ADVISORS** *****

• Regional Advisor's Meeting –*Please mark your calendar for our next Regional Advisor's Meeting from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2016. Jeff Alisauckas, CCSGA (Carroll County) Regional Advisor, will host at Carroll County Public Schools central office in Westminster. Registration link to be posted with the January Advisor's Bulletin*

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

The Alliance for Student Activities

<http://www.alliance4studentactivities.org/letxequalsa/>

“The Alliance for Student Activities has created an engaging presentation that pulls together the most current research, dialogue, and thinking about the impact of co-curricular activities on student performance.

Participation in student activities increases students' standardized test scores, GPAs, graduation rates, college acceptance rates, and college success rates. It practically eliminates the likelihood that a student will choose to drop out of high school.

Student activities develop core social and emotional skills while reducing high-risk behavioral problems and long term public assistance needs.

Student activities are a bargain, as the average school district spends less than 3% of their overall operating budget to support them.”

Check out the GREAT, very short clips on their web site (above) and share it with your administrators and school boards!