

MASC Advisors Bulletin December 2016

Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

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Greetings Advisors!



*“How to be a Superhero:
To be a Super Leader
You know you have the tools
All you need to remember
Are 7 simple rules*

- *Begin with the end in mind and*
- *Understand to be understood*
- *Put first things first and always*
- *Sharpen the saw before sawing the wood!*
- *Be proactive and determined to help everyone realize*
- *In order for us all to win*
- *We have to SYNERGIZE!”*

C. Reynolds

(Synergize definition - Synergize is the habit of creative cooperation. It is teamwork, open-mindedness, and the adventure of finding new solutions to old problems. But it doesn't just happen on its own. It's a process, and through that process, people bring all their personal experience and expertise to the table.)

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

• **Extended - Action by midnight Friday, December 16th – LEAD Conference (Leadership Experience And Development) – We still have a few hotel spaces for students and advisors to join the MASC delegation!** *Early bird registration deadline is December 19th – after that the registration price goes up. The conference is February 3-5, 2017 in the Washington, D.C. area (Hyatt Regency Crystal City): The NASC LEAD Conference offers experiential leadership skills development to students and advisors of the National Honor Society, the National Junior Honor Society, and the National Association of Student Councils.*

MASC details (MASC flyer, fundraising ideas, promotional movie: <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/resources/> NASC web LEAD web-site <http://www.leadconferences.org/>

• **Action by Saturday, December 7:** Registration: Executive Board Meeting (December 10) – Northwood High School, Silver Spring (Montgomery County). Details can be found on the MASC home page under “Upcoming Events” <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/>

• **Action by Wednesday, December 14th – MASC Application to be a trainer at the Legislative Session on Saturday, January 28th:** *This application is extended only to current MASC certified student leaders. Application opens Wednesday, November 30th and closes Wednesday, December 14th. Full details are posted under “Latest Posts” on the MASC home page – “Trainer Registration for Legislative Session”* <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/>

• **Action by Wednesday, December 21st – MASC Application to present a workshop at the Convention (April 5-7, 2017):** *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 ITEMS *****

• **Action by Saturday, January 28th – MASC Awards:** *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/>

• **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/>

***** **ADVISORS ONLY** *****

• **Action by February 15:** Back by popular demand is the advisor “30 in 30” session....30 ideas in 30 minutes from a panel of advisors! We are looking for six advisors (middle and high school) who would be willing to share five ideas (one idea per minute) including activities, technology tips, etc. It would be great to have advisors from rural and urban schools. Email or call Karen Crawford at MrsKCrawford@gmail.com or 304-268-6862 if you are interested in being on the panel and sharing your experience!

• **Action by February 15:** Another opportunity for veteran advisors and administrators to share their expertise. The first “Human Library” at the 2016 convention was a success, so we would like to bring it back. If you have areas of expertise that you would be willing to share one-on-one with others during a ten minute time block, please Email or call Karen Crawford at MrsKCrawford@gmail.com or 304-268-6862. We are our best resource and MASC is so appreciative of the knowledge and skills of our advisors and their willingness to share!

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

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

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

FUNDRAISING

<http://www.usafundraising.com/fundraising-ideas/school-fundraisers/index.php>

CHARACTER EDUCATION

<https://charactercounts.org/>

QUOTES

<http://wilderdom.com/teambuilding/Quotes.html><http://quotationsbook.com/>

<http://leftofzen.com/motivational-inspirational-quotes/2008/01/22/>

TEAMBUILDING

<http://wilderdom.com/games/InitiativeGames.html>

http://www.managementhelp.org/grp_skill/theory/theory.htm

<http://wilderdom.com/games/TeamBuildingExercisesWebsites.html>

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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