

MASC Advisor's Bulletin January 2016

Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

Top 10 Reasons I'm an Advisor

10. The pay is too good.
9. The 8th grade JV bowling coach position was already taken.
8. It's the closest thing to a social life I have.
7. Who wants to leave school before dark anyway?
6. You can never have too many subscriptions, candy bars, gourmet cheesecakes, or rolls of wrapping paper.
5. I was spending way too much time with my family.
4. The principal told me that if I became the advisor it would raise our standardized test scores.
3. My part-time job at Home Depot is only 15 hours per week.
2. It makes me so much more popular with my colleagues.
1. I went to the bathroom at the wrong time during the faculty meeting.

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, and email to MrsKCrawford@gmail.com.)

Greetings Advisors! Happy New Year!

***** CONGRATULATIONS *****



• **Nora Murray**, BCSC Regional Advisor, received the Region 2 (NY, NJ, DE, PA, MD) Earl Reum Award at the 2015 National Conference on Student Activities. Congratulations to Mrs. Murray!

• **Mike Bunitsky**, FCASC Regional Advisor will be retiring in January. Congratulations to Mr. Bunitsky who worked with student leadership in his current position since 1994! He will be missed!



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

• **Action by January 8th - Convention Workshops:** MASC invites students and advisors to present a workshop at our April 6-8 Convention, "MASC Olympics," in Ocean City. The invitation letter and application link are posted at the bottom of the Convention web site. (Please notice that this is an extended deadline.)
<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/convention-2016/>

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• **Action by Friday, January 22nd - Registration for Legislative Session:** Saturday, February 6th, at Manchester Valley High School, MASC's second major conference of the school year is the Legislative Session! Following our theme of the year, "G.O.L.D. Medal Leadership," at this event, we will be "Passing the Torch of Leadership." Delegates will be given opportunities to practice learned leadership skills, develop new ones, take stances on youth related bills before the Maryland General Assembly, and partake in electing the final two candidates for student member of the State Board of Education!

Registration opens Thursday January 7th and closes at midnight on Friday January 22nd.
<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/legislative-session/> (bottom of the page: Registration)

• **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. Limited space is available (only eight students), so read, discuss, and act as soon as possible.
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. MASC member 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. Award applications 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/>

• **Region 2 Student Liaison** –Region 2 has a student position called the Region 2 Student Liaison. Every other year, the position for the Region 2 Student Liaison is open for each Region 2 state to submit one student candidate. The student needs to currently be a freshman or sophomore and the selected student will service his or her junior and senior year (May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2018). See "Latest Posts" on MASC's home page <http://mdstudentcouncils.com/>

• **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** *****

• **Do you want to merge the MASC Google calendar with your own?** The quickest way is to click the "Add to Google Calendar" button in the bottom right of the calendar.

The longer way:

- Log into your Google Calendar account
- In the left side panel, under "Other calendars", copy the calendar address (omu26ch6obahiab8dq5gbkqt84@group.calendar.google.com) into the field "Add a friend's calendar" and hit enter
- The calendar should now display in the list
- Click the square next to the calendar name to toggle it displaying in your main calendar

If you prefer to save/print a pdf version of the calendar (one page, back to back), see the link below.

<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/MASCCalendar2015.16.pdf>

***** **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 is now open and closes at midnight on Monday, January 18th
<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/> (Upcoming Events)

***** **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/>

• **Convention** – It's never too early to start planning for the April 4-6 MASC Convention. Registration opens Monday, February 15, 2016 and closes at midnight on Friday, March 18th. See details at <http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/convention-2016/>

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

Sharing some neat apps that several of us learned about at the National Conference on Student Activities: Thanks to Matt Soeth! If you want a GREAT conference experience, with great resources, great networking, and lots of fun, join us in Madison, Wisconsin, December 2-3, 2016!

These apps are free (unless indicated otherwise) and great for creating content in your class or to share with students and have them use the apps to create content for projects or have students demonstrate concepts or application of concepts.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/oB9QVxRjPoIHAYTI4NWVZUUtHM2M/view>

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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