

MASC Advisors Bulletin: January 2017

Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

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Greetings Advisors!

*Being a hero doesn't mean
You're invincible. IT just means that
you're brave enough to stand up
and do what's needed*

– Rick Riordan, *The Mark of Athena*



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

• **Action by midnight, Saturday, January 14th – Registration deadline Legislative Session:** *For the second major conference of the year, MASC encourages schools to register for students to participate in the selection of the two final student candidates for the State Board of Education. In addition to selecting leadership workshops to attend, students will engage in debate to take stances on youth related bills in the Maryland General Assembly.*

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/legislative-session/>

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

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

• **Wednesday, February 15th – Registration deadline for the February 18th Executive Board & Health/Social Issues Forum:** *Northpoint High School, Charles County – Link to be posted on under "Upcoming Events" (<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/>) when registration opens January 25th.*

• **Friday, February 17 (midnight) – Extended deadline for Convention workshop applications:** *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 by Saturday, February 18th – MASC officer applications:** *Qualified students may apply for MASC officer candidates (president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, treasurer). Details are on-line at:*

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/officer-elections/>

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

• **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 *****

• **Tuesday, February 14th – Regional Advisor Meeting** (Reg. Jan 30-Feb 10): Carroll County Student Government Association is our host for the second regional advisor meeting. Please register between January 30th -February 10th so lunch arrangements can be made. The registration link will be emailed to regional advisors when it is active.

• **PLEASE!! 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!

• **PLEASE!! 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>

• **Pay It Forward through Student Leadership Initiative:** The NASSP Student Leadership Initiative: Global Citizenship is well underway. Now, your students have a chance to show how they are making global change and give back to their favorite cause or charity. Tell them to share how they are making a difference with a post to Instagram using #MakingGlobalChange. One post each month through 2017 will be chosen to win \$100 for the council’s charity of choice in the name of the council. NASC is also recruiting students as global change ambassadors to spread the word about the initiative. Tell your students to visit www.makingglobalchange.org to learn how to get involved and get contest details.

• **NASC Conference – June 24-29: Destination New Hampshire:** The 2017 NASC National Conference is guaranteed to be a rock solid leadership experience when it lands in the Granite State of New Hampshire, June 26–28 (MASC trip June 24-29). With host school Pinkerton Academy leading the way, NASC advisors and student delegates will be a part of the only national event of its kind specifically for student council. The conference features an exciting blend of top speakers and informative workshops promoting excellence in student council leadership. The sky’s the limit at the 2017 NASC Conference, so 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 [2017 NASC Conference invitation video](http://bit.ly/2hmkoss). (<http://bit.ly/2hmkoss>) Visit www.nascconference.org for more conference details and workshop presenter information. Interested students should look at the preliminary MASC information <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/resources/> look under “NASC” and email Lance.Ledebur@maryland.gov for information.

• **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** *****

15 Tips to Reduce Teacher Stress and Avoid Burnout: *Teachers' plates are full. Yes, I know, this might be the understatement of the decade! With classroom management, parent meetings, testing, reading papers, and grading, not to mention ABA, CBA, ITP, IEP, CRCT, and at least 100 other acronyms, teacher stress can feel overwhelming and lead to burnout.*

But you don't have to let this happen. Here are 15 common-sense tips to help teachers reduce stress and avoid burnout.

<http://kentjulian.com/15-tips-to-reduce-teacher-stress-and-avoid-burnout/>

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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