

MASC Advisor's Bulletin May 2016

Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)



Greetings Advisors!

"Foolish people are always getting ready to live, but never living.' Your success will start when you begin to pursue it. To reach your goal or to attain success, you don't need to know all of the answers in advance. You just need to have a clear idea of what your goal is. Break your problems into parts, and handle one part at a time. Develop tendencies toward taking action. You can make something happen right now. Divide your big plan into small steps and take that first step right away. Everyone who ever got where they are had to begin where they were. Your big opportunity is where you are right now. 'A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.' Take it."

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

• **Action by midnight, Saturday, May 7th (extended deadline):** *Appointed staff applications for the 2016-2017 school year are 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 (recent posts). There is an on-line and paper component to the application and a required in-person interview. See details posted at <http://mdstudentcouncils.com/>*

• **Action by midnight, Wednesday, May 25:** *MASC will conduct its last executive board meeting for this school year on Tuesday, May 31st (Tentative location - waiting written confirmation - Charles H. Flowers High School, PGRASG). At this last executive board meeting for 2015-2016, MASC appointed staff, officers, and State SMOB will be recognized for their service, schools/regions may present bids for hosting MASC conferences and the 2016-2017 officers will be sworn-in for their term beginning June 1st.*

Registration: <http://goo.gl/forms/jX34eUkraq>

Emergency form (must also be signed by a principal): <http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/documents/staff-forms/>

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• **2016-2017 Regional Contacts** –MASC would like to complete our 2016-2017 Executive Board roster with your new regional president, middle school representative, and student member of the Board of Education – these positions are voting members serving on 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 MrsKCrawford@gmail.com if there are any changes in your status.)

Link to report – <http://goo.gl/forms/FUU2xVEBnO>

• **2016-2017 Executive Board Meeting Hosts** –MASC would like to invites schools/regions to apply to host one of the MASC Executive Board meetings for 2016-2017. This is an application, not a bid proposal, as the MASC officers/executive directors, based on area, determine the location. MASC tries to have meetings in different geographical locations for equity of travel.

<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/2016/04/30/masc-executive-board-meeting-host-applications/>

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

• **MASC Middle School Voice:** *The MASC 2nd Vice President has created a blog for the middle school student leaders in Maryland. Middle school students can read and post comments about middle school concerns.*

<https://wordpress.com/post/msvoiceblog.wordpress.com/4>

• **State Charity, Kids Helping Hopkins – Review from Convention:** *Kids Helping Hopkins published a nice review of money and projects collected at our April, 2016 Convention. See the posting on the MASC State Charity page.*

<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/about-us/state-charity/>

• **Green Goals – Review of the Year:** *Environmental Coordinators have posted the Green Goals from this year in one convenient list - check it out and choose a couple to implement this summer!*

<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 and payment deadline – **June 1st**

• <http://mlw.org/index.php/programs/summer-core-programs/middle-school-experience-in-leadership-msel>

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

• July 24 – 30 - Application deadline - **June 1st**

• <http://mlw.org/index.php/programs/summer-core-programs/senior-high-workshops-shw>

Advanced Leadership Seminar

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

• July 10 – 16 – (there are still a few spaces left)

• <http://mlw.org/index.php/programs/summer-core-programs/advanced-leadership-seminar-als>

• **MASC 2016-2017 Calendar Overview:** You can find a 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>)

• **Recognition Program Invitations:** In the spring months, a number of students receive letters congratulating them on their selection or nomination for membership into an elite scholars organization. Some carry the promise of college scholarships or a college application benefit—but require a fee. NASSP provides excellent guidelines that advisers can share with students and parents to help them make informed choices about their participation in personal recognition programs.

<https://www.nassp.org/news-and-resources/nassp-approved-student-programs/guidelines-for-evaluation?SSO=true>

• **Officer Installation Program:** Members of NASC....there is a great guideline for your officer installation program in the advisor resources section of the NASC web site – check it out!

<https://www.nasc.us/adviser-resources/managing-your-council/officer-installation-ceremonies>

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

May 2-6, 2016 - Teacher Appreciation Week:

<http://www.pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=3270>

• **National Conference on Student Activities (sponsored by NAWD):** It's never too early to start planning to attend the best advisor conference around! December 2-4, 2016 this year in Madison, Wisconsin. Last year, MASC had nine advisors attend....see the NAWD web site for details.

<http://www.nawd.com/conference/index.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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