

MASC Advisor's Bulletin November 2015

Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

Great leaders don't set out to be a leader....they set out to make a difference. It's never about the role - always about the goal. (Lisa Haisha)

If you know an advisor not receiving this email directly, please have him/her sign up for a direct email by sending their name, school, email to MrsKCrawford@gmail.com.

Greetings Advisors!

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

• **Fall Leadership Conference:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday, November 14 (Location: Gaithersburg HS, Montgomery County) **Registration EXTENDED through Friday, November 6, 2015** (Registration postmarked extended to Monday, November 9). Cost \$25 per student/adult. Details posted: <http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/fall-leadership-conference/>

• **Prudential Spirit of America Award** – If you know of a student who has a difference by volunteering in his/her community over the past year, he/she could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C., by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award! **Deadline – November 3, 2015.**
<http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc>

• **Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB)** – The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) mailed packets to high school principals and advisors. **Each public high school may nominate one student – deadline Friday, November 6, 2015.** The completed student application packet is due Tuesday, December 2, 2015. See the link below for complete details.
<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/student-member-on-the-board-of-education/>

• **National Conference on Student Activities:** Advisor Conference – great training/resources! **It's Not Too Late to Register:** December 4-6, 2015, Sheraton at the Falls, Niagara Falls, NY. Take advantage...this year's conference is within driving distance! Here's the intensive advisor training many of you have requested! Ten Maryland advisors already registered! Email Lance.Ledebur@maryland.gov and MrsKCrawford@gmail.com if you plan on attending. (Use registration code MD07LL)
<http://www.nawd.com/conference/index.html>

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

• **LEAD & NASC Conferences** – 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. The NASC National Conference (June 22-27, 2017) in Portland, Oregon should notify Mr. Ledebur and Mrs. Crawford on or before February 1st. See details for both conferences at <http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/resources/> (scroll down to the section on NASC).

• **State Charity** – MASC's state charity is "Kids Helping Hopkins." A charity MASC supported in 2007-2008. Learn more about it at <http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/about-us/state-charity/>

• **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. Full details at <http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/applications/masc-awards/>

• **MASC Executive Board Meeting Hosts for December and February have been approved** – Calvert County is hosting Saturday, December 19, 2015, at the Phillip Merrill Center, Annapolis, and Charles County will host on Saturday, February 20, 2016, at Westlake High School.

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** *****

• **Next 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.

***** **REMINDERS** *****

• **MASC Membership** – Support the Student Leaders in Maryland: New, easy on-line application!
<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/applications/masc-membership-application/>

• **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:

• **Fundraising: 100% free program!** FundingFactory is the leading fundraising-thru-recycling company in the continental United States. FundingFactory turns your used toner and inkjet cartridges into cash and has helped keep over 40.2 million pounds of items out of landfills simply by collecting used toner and inkjet printer cartridges. It's so easy! Sign-up, collect toner and inkjet cartridges, pack them in your own box, print the free shipping label, call for a pick up, and earn money!! Check it out! <http://www.fundingfactory.com/>

• **NASSP List of Approved Contests, Programs, and Activities for Students**
http://www.nassp.org/Content/158/NASSP_List_of_Contests_and_Activities_for_Students.pdf

The link above is for the *NASSP List of Approved Contests, Programs, and Activities for Students*, produced by National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). The purpose of the list is to provide information to assistance in making decisions regarding participation in a wide variety of program opportunities.

This includes a listing of the program and sponsor, plus a short description of each activity/contest with web address, dates, registration, etc.

The NASSP committee reviews all programs based on the following standards: educational value, financial support, organizational structure, promotional accuracy, and fair, appropriate adjudication. The student programs on the list does not imply endorsement by NASSP, rather the listing indicates that it has been reviewed by a committee of NASSP member principals and found to meet the established standards of quality for student contests and activities established by the NASSP committee and approved by the NASSP Board of Directors.