

MASC Advisors Bulletin November 2016

Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

www.mdstudentcouncils.org



Greetings Advisors!



"We all have the capacity to be a superhero. In order to become one, you just have to find your unique power of ability and exploit it for the greater good. The cape and mask are optional accessories, but a kind heart is essential." Robert Clancy

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

• **Friday, October 21 through midnight, Saturday, November 5 – Registration for Fall Leadership Conference:** Event is Saturday, November 19 – 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Location: Hereford High School, Baltimore County). **Please note – MASC is requesting that all participants bring a canned food item for the Maryland Food Bank, our state charity!**

Information, forms, flyers, and registration details:

<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/fall-leadership-conference/>



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

• **Action by Tuesday, November 29:** Postmark deadline: for the Student application packet for the state student member on the Board of Education. The principal signed form must have been received by the earlier Friday, October 28th deadline.

Details: <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/student-member-on-the-board-of-education/>

• **Wednesday November 23 – Sat, December 7:** Registration: Executive Board Meeting (December 10) at Northwood High School, Silver Spring (Montgomery County). When registration opens, details will be found on the MASC home page under "Upcoming Events" <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/>

• **Saturday, January 28th:** Member schools are invited to apply for MASC awards – Advisor of the Year (middle and high school), Principal of the Year, and the Felix Simon Awards (a measure of your student council organization). The advisor and principal awards must go through your region (one application per region), so plan ahead. All member schools are invited to apply directly for the Felix Simon award.

<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 November 15 – National Conference on Student Activities:** December 2-4, 2016, Madison, Wisconsin. This is an intensive advisor training, human networking, and mini-vacation (a conference without students!) Please email Lance.Ledebur@maryland.gov and MrsKCrawford@gmail.com if you plan on attending. The site below also includes a conference flyer and letter for your administration. The early bird special ended on October 31st, but for only \$335 (plus hotel/travel), this is a great conference!

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/nawd/>

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

• **Action by Thursday, December 1st – LEAD Conference (Leadership Experience and Development) – Please join the MASC delegation!** February 3-5, 2017 in the Washington, D.C. area (Hyatt Regency Crystal City): Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD) Conferences offer experiential leadership skills development to students and advisors of the National Honor Society (NHS), the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), and the National Association of Student Councils (NASC).

MASC details (MASC flyer, fundraising ideas, promotional movie: <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/resources/> and the National Association of Student Councils web-site <http://www.leadconferences.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 will be posted under “Latest Posts” on the MASC home page: <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/>

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



The Maryland Food Bank is MASC’s selected state charity for 2016-2017. MASC is asking that participants bring a canned food item to EVERY MASC event this year. For other ideas on how your school can support our charity, go to: <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/about-us/state-charity/>

• **State SMOB** – David Edimo (Montgomery County), is the 2016-2017 state SMOB. Stay in touch with Mr. Edimo and what is happening at the State Board of Education – go to his web site and sign up for updates. <http://www.marylandsmob.org/>

• **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** *****

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NASC News is taken directly from the NASC E-Bulletin or the NASC web site (<https://www.nasc.us>)

• **November 8 Deadline: Prudential Spirit of America Award** – Students (grades 5-12) who have made a difference by volunteering in his/her community over the past year, could win \$1,000 (state honorees) or \$5,000 (national honorees) and a trip to Washington, D.C., by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award! <http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc>

• **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. 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 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** *****

How to Help Haiti: Top Ten Organizations to Donate to Relief Efforts – In the aftermath of hurricane Matthew in Haiti, an overwhelming number of charities have come forward soliciting donations for their relief efforts. To help the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, Haiti, Google has many great lists/suggestions. Here’s one list of ten charities.

<http://www.gq.com/story/top-ten-organizations-for-donating-to-haiti>

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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