

MASC Advisor's Bulletin September 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)

Greetings Advisors!

MASC hopes that you all had a successful start to the school year and are already gearing up with your student leadership activities.

This year, MASC will be emailing an "Advisor Bulletin" with details about opportunities, resources, conferences, etc. We will keep the monthly updates very brief with links to give you more information.

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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If you are receiving this email and are no longer an advisor, please let me know. MASC would appreciate you forwarding the email to the new advisor if you know who it is and providing me with that person's name and email.

• **MASC Web Site:** A New Look! Bookmark and check out the newly updated MASC web site!
<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/>

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

The Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) is the leading organization for excellence in middle level and high school student councils. MASC provides student councils and their advisors with the knowledge, skills, and resources that students need to become active, engaged leaders in their schools and communities. Our mission is to foster a statewide environment for all secondary school students to express and exchange opinions and ideas, develop leadership skills, and promote student representation and involvement in all groups and organizations impacting the lives of students.

• **MASC Training of Trainers:** 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Saturday, September 19th (registration closes Thursday, Sept. 17th) Location: Montgomery County
Details and registration link: <http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/technical-training>

Peer to Peer teaching among student leaders is a very desirable objective. MASC is offering a successful and effective method of training presenters of workshops with the desired outcome being student lead, high quality workshops. MASC expects all students who are certified or re-certified to commit to being a trainer at the Legislative Session. This is a great opportunity for students to be able to not only teach workshops at our MASC conferences, but to bring those skills and workshops back to regions and schools!

• **Fall Leadership Conference:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday, November 14 (Location: Gaithersburg HS, Montgomery County)
<http://mdstudentcouncils.com/index.php/fall-leadership-conference/>

Registration opens Friday, October 16, 2015 and closes Monday, November 2, 2015 (Registration postmarked Wednesday, November 4)
Cost \$25 per student/adult - registration checklist, emergency form, draft agenda, and other details posted!

The first conference of the year is MASC's annual Fall Leadership Conference. Participating in this conference helps students hone their leadership skills while meeting other student leaders from across the state.

• **National Conference on Student Activities:** December 4-6, 2015, Sheraton at the Falls, Niagara Falls, NY (registration and payment by October 31st for a discounted rate). Take advantage...this year's conference is within driving distance! Here's the intensive advisor training many of you have requested! Five Maryland advisors already registered!

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

The annual National Conference on Student Activities (NCSA) brings together different groups of like-minded educators, activity advisors, and leadership camp directors/staff for a weekend of learning, networking, and fun. NCSA is designed to provide program strands that encourage participation of a wide variety of activity advisors, school administrators, leadership educators, motivational speakers, and consultants. The goal is that the participants will be inspired during the three days of the conference and will return to their homes to make the most significant difference possible in the lives of their students, colleagues, and community members!

See the link above for information and details, including a letter for your administrator, short movie, tentative schedule, hotel booking, transportation options, registration, etc. Please email Lance.Ledebur@maryland.gov and MrsKCrawford@gmail.com if you plan on attending. (Use registration code MDo7LL)

• **NASSP Contest:** <http://www.principalsmonth.org/contest>

Celebrate National Principals Month in October by making a one-two minute movie giving “props” to your principal!

• **Regional Advisors – please mark your calendar! Regional Advisors are invited to an important meeting in Towson from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, October 15, 2015, hosted by the Baltimore County Student Council's Regional Advisor. Be looking for a detailed email later.**

Resource: <http://www.upworthy.com/imagine-if-every-school-played-this-video-before-class>

Kid President "Pep Talk"

Take the time to view this short movie.....if you've never seen one of the talks from "Kid President" then you are in for a real treat. This would make a great opening to an early student council meeting, leadership class, faculty meeting, etc.

1. You matter. Don't let anyone make you think differently.
2. Being a bully is dumb. Don't do it.
3. History is made by ordinary people — like you and me and Justin Timberlake!
4. If you want to change the world, you'll need to know about it first.
5. Is there a teacher or person in your life who inspires you? Let them know!