



Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/>

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Mission Statement

The mission of MASC 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. (Leadership Development & Youth Collaboration; Legislative Advocacy; Student Service Learning)

Student Leaders



Local School Student Councils



Regions—comprised of school student councils from one county, a group of counties or Baltimore City. (21 Regions) →

MASC Executive Board—comprised of four elected officers (president, 1st vice president [HS], 2nd vice president [MS], and treasurer); *appointed staff positions; regional presidents, middle school representatives, and student members on Boards of Education (SMOB); State SMOB; regional advisors and MASC executive directors (*advisors have all rights save suffrage*) ↓

MASC General Assembly—comprised of the Regions (individual school voting rights); executive board; associate members (non-voting). Convenes during the Fall Leadership Conference (if needed), the Legislative Session, and the Spring Convention.

Calendar Overview (leadership training at all events)

May: Staff Interviews & Appointment of Staff

June: NatStuCo National Conference; Officer's Retreat; Staff Development Day

July: Staff work and department conference calls

August: "Advance" (3 day) – technical training (certifying student workshop presenters); Fall Leadership Conference workshop training; Executive Board Meeting

November: NatStuCo LEAD Conference; Fall Leadership Conference (1 day)

December: Executive Board Meeting

January: State SMOB Interviews; Legislative Session workshop training

February: Legislative Session (1 day - selection of final state SMOB candidates; stances on youth related bills); Executive Board Meeting

March /April: Women's Leadership Forum; Spring Convention (3 day – election of officers, workshops, speakers); staff applications

May /June: Executive Board Meeting (swearing in of new officers & confirmation of newly appointed staff)

**Appointed Staff Positions are subject to change with new officer elections – defined in bylaws, which are approved yearly:*

- Chief of Staff
- Operations Director
- Communications Director
- Special Issues Director
- Corresponding Secretary
- Divisional Liaisons (8 divisions)
- Environmental Affairs
- Evaluations
- Advocacy Coordinator
- Historians
- Parliamentarian
- Publications
- Recording Secretary
- Service Coordinators
- State Legislative Affairs (SLACer)
- Student Workshop Coordinator(s)
- Technical Operations Coordinator

Awards:

- Wayne Perry Principal of the Year
- HS & MS Advisor of the Year
- MS & HS Felix Simon Awards (*student council organization & participation*)
- Susan Nash Travetto Friend of MASC Award (selected by MASC executive directors & officers)
- Catherine Nora Murray Unsung Hero Award (selected by Executive Board)
- Karen Crawford Regional Advisor of the Year
- Outstanding Student Leaders (one from each region)
- Outstanding Project/Event (one from each region)
- Conference Hosts Recognition



advocacy

opportunity
challenges
confidence

service
leadership

dedication
communication

MASC

attitude teamwork

State Student Member on the Board of Education (SMOB):

Since 1985, Maryland has an appointed student member on the State Board of Education. MASC elects the two finalists and the Governor appoints one student. The student has all voting rights as the adult members except for matter of negative personnel. Most of the counties in Maryland have SMOBS, varying from no vote, opinion vote, partial vote, two counties with full voting privileges.



MASC CELEBRATES DIVERSITY

MASC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, ancestry or national origin, familial status, marital status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or genetic information in its programs and activities and provides equal access and a welcoming environment to all groups.

Legislative Advocacy:

In building relationships with their legislators., MASC takes stances on youth-related bills and advocates in Annapolis, our state capital, at committee hearings.