



Maryland Association of Student Councils

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Dear Student Leaders and Advisors,



Ushering in the New Year, the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) invites you to the second major “Leadership Liftoff- A Journey into S.P.A.C.E (Students Practicing Advocacy & Civic Engagement)” event of the year! Students from across the state will be exploring leadership in new heights during the MASC **Legislative Session** on Saturday, February 20, 2021.

At this event, new student delegates to this conference will participate in workshops on the Maryland legislative process and the role of the student member on the Maryland State Board of Education. Meanwhile, returning student delegates will hone their leadership skills during workshops on virtual service projects, mental health, digital advocacy, and diversity. All students will also take part in a General Assembly in which they’ll assist MASC in taking stances on education and youth related bills before the Maryland General Assembly.

Additionally, this event is where the four finalists for the position of 2021-2022 Student Member on the Maryland State Board of Education (<https://tinyurl.com/y3tb7hzf>) will campaign and participate in a question and answer session. Student delegates will also have the opportunity to learn more about the candidates through their pre-recorded speeches, breakfast meet-and-greet sessions, candidate lunch chats, and the “Meet the Candidates” publication. The student delegates will then vote via electronic ballots to select the two finalists for this position. The two finalists will be announced at the end of the day and their names will be forwarded to the Maryland Governor for final appointment.

Something that is unique to MASC is that our workshops are written and facilitated **for the students, by the students**. We believe that peer-to-peer teaching is a great technique used in student leadership that allows for all participants to get the most out of the experience. In addition, throughout the day, delegates and advisors are able to network with hundreds of other student leaders from across the state through our breakfast meet and greet, lunch chats, and aforementioned workshops!

We hope you are able to join us for this great day of student leadership. Registration opens Friday, January 15, 2021, and closes at 11:59 pm on Saturday, Feb 6, 2021.

Best Regards,

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MASC President

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