

Hi, I'm Caroline Finn. I'm from Anne Arundel County, and I'm running to be the Treasurer of MASC for the upcoming school year.

Two years ago, I signed up for a MASC session to become a certified workshop presenter. Through that experience, I learned a skill that allowed me to create workshops across the country and state, and from the outreach and collaboration it facilitated, I knew I wanted to become more involved in MASC.

I have been involved in Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils for the past 3 years. I am a member of CRASC's Executive Board and as Secretary of Service I am responsible for service opportunities for the students in my county. In my roles in student council over the past 5 years, I have been exposed to many pressing issues that students want to see addressed. I have been around students facing incredible hardship and through their experiences I have developed a desire to advocate with and for them.

I am currently Treasurer of a large state organization, the Maryland Technology Students Association. I have experience creating budgets, projecting revenue, and forecasting. I will use creativity to bring in more revenue from things like increased membership, interactive fundraising efforts, corporate sponsorships and spirit wear sales. I will leverage technology as well as the tools we've become familiar with over the past year to cut costs, and I will seek to ensure that all funds are equitably disbursed among students.

But there's more to this than just dollars and cents. I want to give students a voice through voting. Voting is the one thing we have full control over and is purely you. But there are many schools in Maryland that are not voting members of MASC and as a result they do not have a voice on matters that are important to their students.

Through my own experiences I've seen how participation in MASC unlocks a world of leadership opportunities for students, and it is imperative that more students have access to MASC. I will grow MASC membership by improving our outreach to schools. I will do this by upgrading our digital and social media presence to make sure schools know about the great opportunities provided by MASC.

But there are also students who attend schools that are unable to pay the MASC membership fee, and these students should not be left out of the conversation. If elected, I want to create crowdfunding campaigns through platforms like Go Fund Me to cover membership fees of schools and other student expenses so no school or student is left behind.

Finally, in my time being involved in my county student council, and MASC, I have been welcomed with kindness and warmth at every step. However, I know that for myself and countless other students in the state, their experience in the school is vastly different. The unfortunate reality is that many students don't feel supported by their schools or they feel alone or isolated by a culture of cliques and social status within their school. School is the first step on the path to our future, and I want all Maryland

students to be in an environment and to have opportunities that set them on a path for success in life. I don't know every one of you listening personally, but I know that you are a complex and beautiful person who deserves to be in a school setting that treats you like one. I will not rest until that is your reality.

Students of Maryland, at the end of the day, we are here to serve you. Make your decision today with your future in mind, what it will look like, how it will support you, and how it will promote you. Think of your friends. Think of what you want school to be like for them. Just know that I will work tirelessly to make school a better place for each and every one of you. Thank you