

# CAROLINE FINN

## Candidate for MASC Treasurer

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Representing students in Anne Arundel county through CRASC and student council for 5 years, I have been exposed to a myriad of pressing issues that students want to see addressed and through their passion I have developed a desire to advocate with and for them. I want to do all I can to help the Maryland school system progress towards an accepting and safe environment where each student can feel excited to learn and supported in their endeavors.

This past year universally exposed us to a vast new array of hardship that no one could have expected and it has taken an undeniable toll on students from around the State. Furthermore, events of the past year opened our eyes to the long-term effects of inequities in our system. It is now more important than ever to cultivate a thriving environment that endures these harsh times and provides equity and opportunity for all. Now more than ever we have to advocate for real change, open the eyes of students to see their exciting future ahead and give them the tools to discover their greatest potential. Now more than ever we need strong and experienced leaders to facilitate this progress.

Strong finances are also essential if we want to be able to accomplish lofty goals. As the Treasurer of a large state organization, the Maryland Technology Student Association, I have direct experience handling the finances of a large organization as well as with budgeting, forecasting and creating projections for revenue. As Treasurer, my goal will be to provide many more opportunities to students through MASC by working to expand its revenue from increased membership starting at the middle school level, exciting fundraisers, spirit wear sales and direct fundraising. On the flip side I will look for innovative ways to harness technology to cut expenses.

I've seen first-hand how participation in MASC unlocks a world of leadership opportunities for students, and through MASC, as voting members, students are given a voice. However not all schools are able to contribute the resources to join. As Treasurer, I want to give all students across Maryland a voice and to unlock these important opportunities by obtaining funding for dues for schools that are unable to pay by organizing crowdsource fundraising campaigns.

But the role of Treasurer goes beyond finances. As a member of the Executive Board, the Treasurer is involved in furthering all of the goals and missions of MASC. There are many important issues we all want to see addressed in our school system such as equity, better access to mental health recourses, school safety and promoting social justice. If elected I promise that there will be no duty unfulfilled, no decision made in haste, and no student unheard.

If you elect me, I will work tirelessly to ensure **YOU have a VOICE**:

**V - Voting:** I will work to increase the number of schools with voting representation in MASC through recruiting and crowdsource funding, starting with middle schools.

**O - Opportunities:** I will seek to create more leadership opportunities for all students across the state.

**I - Inclusion:** I will work to cultivate an inclusive environment in both MASC and our school system.

**C - Communication:** I will work with the Department of Communications to help further the outreach of MASC and grow its membership through marketing using social media and online campaigns.

**E - Equity:** I will ensure all funds are dispersed equitably and work to help more schools gain the resources to become involved in MASC.

School is the first stop on the path to our future, and I want all Maryland students to have opportunities that set them on a path for success in life.