

JUSTIN PELESKA

CANDIDATE FOR MASC PRESIDENT PERSONAL STATEMENT



Hello MASC,

My name is Justin Peleska and I am running to be your next President. Over the last year, we, as students, experienced something that no one in a million years thought we would experience. A global pandemic that restructured all of our lives. We must rise above and *rebuild* the foundation of student leadership from the core.

Leadership is what brings groups as a whole together and what has what shaped me into the person that I am today. Learning from the people who have come before me and the people who have guided me through this pasture called life has structured me into a leader. When I was little, I was always told I was built to be a leader. Part of me is self-made, but the other part was made by you... my peers.

As President, I will strive to help rebuild and create opportunities for students in Maryland to interact and serve their community. Connection matters. When we are not in sync, that is when things turn in the wrong direction. The goal of MASC is to move in the right direction and I believe in achieving that. *Mental health, representation, and equity* are what matters most to me as a person and a student in the state of Maryland. My goal is to create an efficient platform for student leaders around Maryland to not only allow them to share concerns with state leaders, but communicate their fundamental values as well.

We, the students, are what brings light into the future of this country's current climate, and in my belief, what will define the state of Maryland. It is my goal to foster that belief through policy, advocacy, or even a simple conversation about ways to better us as an organization, I am here *for you*.

~ *Change for the whole* ~