

## **Vote for me, Kemi Osamiluyi, as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Of MASC!**

Hello members of MASC. I am Kemi Osamiluyi and I am running for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of MASC! I am currently a 7th grade student at Patuxent Valley Middle School (PVMS) in Howard County. As a member of PVMS, I strive to help my peers as much as possible and always want the best for my fellow students. I plan on doing the same as a leader in MASC and want to work to help students all around the state of Maryland.

I am so grateful to have the opportunity to run to be your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President! I am running because I want to challenge myself to be a leader, not just in my school, but at the state level. I am currently the Vice President of my school's National Junior Honors Society (NJHS). I am also the founder of the Future Lawyers Club (which has quickly grown to being one of the most popular clubs at my school!), as well as a member of Student Council, Morning News, and Creative Writing Club. I have also been on my school's competitive debate team for more than two years. These leadership positions and club memberships have given me valuable leadership experience, built important collaboration and communication skills, and fueled my motivation to be involved and help my fellow students. I want to advocate for the students to make sure that everyone's voices are heard. If I am chosen as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, I promise to listen to everyone's opinions, listen to suggestions, and will strive to serve not myself, but the students of Maryland. I promise you, that I will be a representative for all types of students, because it is our differences that make us greater!

As 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, mental health will be one of my biggest areas of focus. The mental health of students is key to being able to pay attention in school, retain information, and reach full potential. During Covid-19, the mental health of many, has deteriorated. Many studies have shown that there have been increases in stress and depression since the pandemic started. To help promote better mental health for students, I want to push for more free mental health awareness programs. I even plan on making a website to educate more students on the topic of mental health.

Also as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, I will work to strengthen MASC's connection with all of our Middle Schools, High Schools, and Elementary Schools. I also want to increase the relationships and support between students at all three levels. I want to ensure younger students feel their importance, are motivated to take part in the world around them, and are driven to take on leadership and community service roles.

Finally, one other area that is important to me is how students actually learn. Making sure that the ways teachers teach fit the learning needs of all students is imperative. As I mentioned earlier, we are all individuals and different styles of learning help each of us more than others. Some people learn better with visuals, some learn better with sound, and much more. I want to give all students access to every type of learning mechanism so that we will all have equal opportunities to a better future!

I am so inspired by the work that MASC has been doing, and will continue to do. I strive to be a community leader in my day-to-day life, and I hope that I will be able to inspire others the way MASC has inspired me. I hope that I have convinced you to vote for me. Thank you for taking the time to read this! Go MASC!!