

ALL students deserve to have a voice, through ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP, & LOYALTY.

Throughout my time in MASC, I have been fortunate to learn so much from those whom I consider my mentors. They have taught me what it truly means to not only be a student activist, but a leader as well. I have spent four years within student council, actively growing and striving to become the best leader I possibly can. After my experiences with working across the school, county, and state levels of student government, I am pleased to announce my candidacy for MASC 1st Vice President.

Advocacy: While MASC is an amazing organization that has changed the lives of so many students for the better, I think we can strive to be greater. One area we could improve is the way we conduct certain branches of our advocacy, especially in the era of Covid-19. We recently introduced a new executive board position in MASC's Special Issues Department, the Advocacy Coordinator. I want to aid the Advocacy Coordinator next year in helping the Civic Engagement Committee, that I helped build, grow into something greater, through keeping close contact with the Advocacy Coordinator and helping them look for more opportunities to conduct virtual advocacy, and, if safe, organizing more in-person events in the future.

Leadership: MASC has always had strong, capable, and fierce student leaders paving the way, and I wish to continue that legacy. As 1st Vice President, I will use my platform to reach out to underrepresented areas of the state, such as the Eastern Shore, or the Western Division. I want to encourage MASC to be a truly statewide organization, by ensuring that students from every county and region are accounted for, represented, and heard. By encouraging further communication and inclusion, we can mitigate the issue of students growing up in schools disconnected from MASC, an organization with the capability to change students' lives for the better. With the pandemic severely limiting our options for having organized conferences with these underrepresented regions, it is more important now than ever to emphasize rectifying the issue of these students being left out of MASC, because now is the time we need to stick together.

Loyalty: I believe MASC has a legacy of leaders who are fully committed to their positions, and I want to continue that legacy. Behind every influential organization is a strong, supportive leader, making sure to hold fast to their tenets and push the group as a whole to greater heights. As 1st VP, I will make sure to stay loyal to the students of MASC and give the position of 1st VP the reverence it deserves. I pledge to listen to the issues that concern the students of Maryland and do everything in my power to make sure these issues are dealt with in a timely fashion. MASC cannot continue being the representative of the Maryland student voice without dedicated leaders who love what they do. I want nothing more than to give back the loyalty I received from MASC these past four years, because I know firsthand what this incredible organization is capable of.

I cannot wait to see what MASC has in store for us in the future, and as 1st VP, I will be there every step of the way.