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PRESENTS MASC'S 2021-2022 THEME:



OPERATION *LEADERSHIP* AGENTS OF CHANGE

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MASC and COVID-19

DUE TO COVID-19, many MASC events will be held virtually.

MASC is monitoring the rapidly changing situation caused by COVID-19. Our main priority remains student health and safety. For more information visit <https://mdstudentcouncils.org>



Participants from across MD pose for a picture after the August MASC meeting.

Getting Involved

MASC welcomes all student input and participation! We encourage attending an executive board meeting.

You can also sign up for the email list (on MASC website) to stay up-to-date with all future events, newsletters and MASC messages.

MASC Celebrates Diversity

MASC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, ancestry, or national origin, familial status, physical or mental disability or sexual orientation in any of its programs and strives to provide equal access and opportunities to all groups.

DISCLAIMER

All events, dates and times are current at the date of publication but may be subject to change. Please reference the website for the most up-to-date information.

Executive Board Meeting Recap

On August 12th, MASC had their first Executive Board meeting at the Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Center. This was the first in-person meeting since Maryland shut down in March 2020! Everyone there followed proper COVID-19 guidelines and participants were able to join virtually as well. Hopefully, MASC will have several in-person events to follow.

During the meeting, the Officers announced the 2021-2022 theme, "Operation Leadership: Agents of Change". MASC went on to approve the Maryland Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC) appointments and reappointment of Karen Crawford as the MASC Assistant Executive Director.

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<https://tinyurl.com/kyk2um9k>

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MASC Officer Q&A

Get to know the 2021-2022 MASC Officer team more personally through some questions that they answered for the Communications Team!

How did you find out about MASC?

“Freshman year, I started to attend my regional SGA meetings and got introduced to the best acronym ever- “MASC”.

President



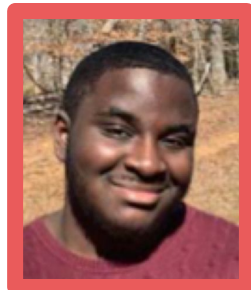
Justin Peleska

“ Later on, I attended FLC 2019 and knew this was where I belonged. ”

Who is your role model? Why?

“My mother- she came to America from Nigeria while she was pregnant”.. “ and since then has never failed to do all she can.”

Vice President



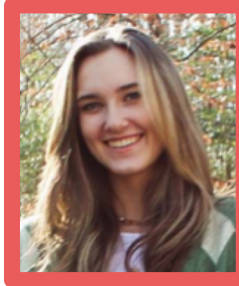
Tolu Dapo-Adeyemo

“She pushes me to do everything with a “spirit of excellence” and it’s positively benefited my life”.

Do you have any tips for students wanting to get involved with leadership?

“ Someone else’s definition of leadership shouldn’t define our own. ”

Treasurer



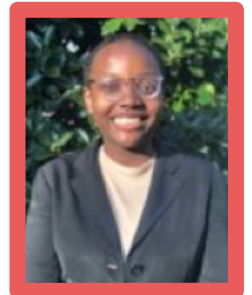
Caroline Finn

“ Utilizing one's unique strengths is what makes a great leader. ”

What is a motto that is important to you?

“ Carpe Diem! Seize the day! It’s a reminder for us all to live life to the fullest! ”

2nd VP



Kemi Osamiluyi

What do you hope to accomplish this year?

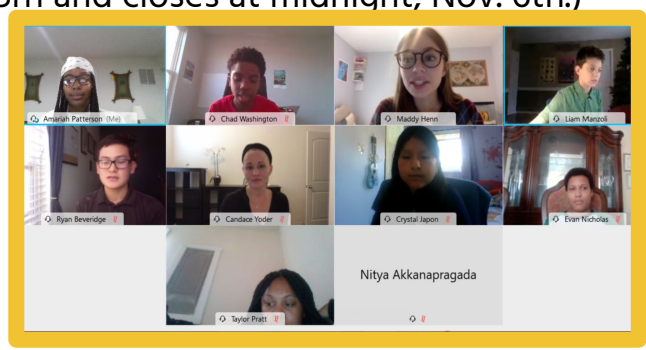
“ To increase middle school students’ involvement... I want them to know that they do have a voice and that they can make a change! ”

THANK YOU OFFICER TEAM!

Fall Leadership Conference

The Fall Leadership Conference (FLC) will be virtual this year, with several workshops to learn and improve your leadership skills. It will be held over Zoom on Saturday, November 20th and costs \$10 for students and advisors.

Only school advisors can register students. You do not need to be a member school to attend FLC but we do encourage schools to become members so they can attend the subsequent conferences and gain access to amazing resources. (Registration opens Oct. 15th and closes at midnight, Nov. 6th.)



Participants at last year's FLC (2020).

If you would like to be a Workshop presenter, apply by Sunday, October 3rd. There can be two presenters per workshop as long as one is currently certified by MASC. The link to the application is: <https://tinyurl.com/wcfa48rc>

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and MASC believes in working towards destigmatizing suicide, spreading hope, and information to all students.

MASC GREEN GOALS

Each month, a new "challenge" from environmental coordinators Aditya and Advika, will be published for students to work towards!

Sept. Goal: As students are settling in and adapting to their school environment, try to waste zero school or stationery supplies.

A few strategies that will help you accomplish this goal is to use what you already have! Don't rebuy if there are lost or forgotten supplies laying around your house. In order to be eco-friendly, there are many other options to resort to such as donating or recycling supplies that may not be useful to you anymore. Lastly, if some items on your shopping list cannot be satisfied, search for them around the web on secondhand online businesses like eBay!

Record your progress by tagging @md.stuco and by using the hashtag #mascgreenchallenge.



If you or some you know are having suicidal thoughts, please text: **NAMI to 741-741**
Or call: The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, **1-800-273-TALK (8255)**

At-A-Glance MASC Calendar of Events 2021-2022

To get the most up to date information including event details and registration deadlines, check out the Events and Conference Page on the MASC website.
<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/events/>

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September

(25) Workshop Presenter Certification

October

(12) Regional Advisors Meeting

November

(5-6) Virtual NatStuCo LEAD Conference
 (15) School Nominations for State SMOB
(20) Virtual Fall Leadership Conference

December

(3-5) National Conference on Student Activities*
 (6) SMOB Candidate packets due
 (1) Executive Board Meeting

January

(8) Interview for invited SMOB candidates
 (1) Regional Advisors Meeting
 (22) Legislative Session presenter training day
 (28-30) NatStuCo LEAD Conference

February

(1-22) Officer Applications
 (12) Legislative Session
 (12) Awards Deadline
 (25-27) NatStuCo LEAD Conference
 (26) Executive Board Meeting

March

(1) Outstanding Leader and Service / Project Recognition deadline
 (12) Women's Leadership Forum
 (14-18) Legislative Advocacy Week
 (23-25) Convention**

April

(1-22) Staff Applications

May

(2-6) Staff interview by invitation
 (21) Executive Board meeting

* *Advisor Conference*

** *Dates may change to a weekend if this has to be a virtual event*

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