

# Angelina Xu

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## CANDIDATE FOR MASC 1ST VICE PRESIDENT PERSONAL STATEMENT

### **It is the Right Time, Right Choice for Angelina Xu.**

Ever since I attended my first MASC conference as a middle schooler, the number one thing that I've always been the most amazed by is its inclusive community of students from every region of Maryland. MASC holds the power to build students' foundational student government & advocacy skills through its conferences, divisional events, and much more.

My two major priorities are to first, **support a smooth transition back to in-person conferences;** and second, **build a strong MASC community through consistent events.** This fits into my key promise to all Maryland students that I am the "Right Time, Right Choice".

**Right Time:** In the last couple of years, the participation of many Maryland students in MASC has been hampered because of the impacts of COVID-19, and this is especially true for those that lack the financial resources and safe environment to attend online conferences. The 2022 to 2023 school year marks a new pivotal era that will present challenges for the MASC officers – but I will also make it a chance for us to fully commit to reintegrating all students & promoting inclusion.

#### **Right Choice:**

- **Increasing representation:** The 1st VP has the unique responsibility of leading the MASC Divisional Liaisons to ensure each and every region's needs are taken into account by the MASC Executive Board when decisions are being made. I pledge I will make sure this will be the case. As 1st VP, I will go above and beyond to fulfill the position's responsibilities because this is a position that not only serves the Executive Board members of MASC, but is a tool to enable hundreds and thousands of students across historically underrepresented regions in MASC to express their needs and vote on resolutions that affect them. In this capacity, I will increase membership in areas such as the Eastern Shore and western Divisions must be a prioritized issue for all students.
- **In-person Conferences & Advocacy Opportunities:** MASC is a place for students to grow and evolve as student advocates, and a key occasion for this is through our leadership conferences and advocacy opportunities. As 1st VP I will make our Special Issue Department's committees, divisional conferences, regional forums, a fixture in every region's SGA to bring MASC into every student's life.
- **Stronger MASC Bond:** In between MASC Conferences and Executive Board meetings, I will facilitate additional interdepartmental collabs so that students across all sectors of MASC can consolidate their common goals into one operation. Virtual planning can be an extremely isolating experience, which is why as 1st VP I vow to host more virtual as well as in-person informal MASC gatherings for MASC members to connect with one another.

I deeply care for and value the hundreds of hours that our state's student leaders have dedicated to advocating on the behalf of their counterparts for what they believe to be a better school, region, and state for them – and as 1st VP I will continue fighting for you.