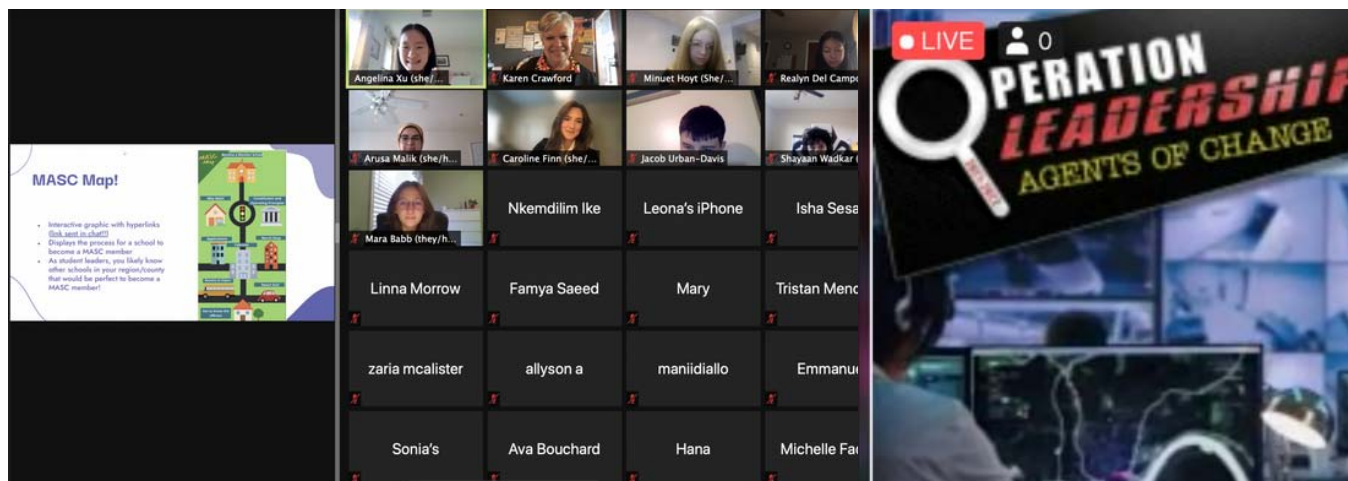


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End of the First Semester Recap Newsletter



Fall Leadership Conference

By Elani Bui

On Saturday, November 20th, MASC held the first leadership conference of the year, the Fall Leadership Conference (FLC). This virtual affair garnered lots of publicity and had a great turnout. Before FLC began, one of the biggest worries was how being online would effect the event. However, the conference had many positive reviews.

"I thought FLC was very informative and engaging and it was wonderful seeing how many of my peers and fellow student leaders are passionate about the same things and share similar interests as me. It was a great opportunity to learn and develop valuable skills and meet new people. Despite being virtual, I was engaged and informed and able to leave with new, important skills." One advocate, Valerie Hoang notes.

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December Executive Board Meeting

BY NORAH D'CRUZE

With a new amendment proposed almost every 25 minutes on average, the MASC December Executive Board meeting was jam-packed with activity, and provided student-leaders the space and freedom to exercise their voices. It was well used - over 10 amendments to the Maryland state SMOB election rules were made, of which eight passed and caused a direct change. Executive board members and students from across the state were able to demonstrate their dedication to ensuring equity and representation for their peers. In particular, the student leaders that attended the event, discussed, edited and eventually approved the Student Member of the State Board of Education election procedures and convention election rules for MASC Officers.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, for this meeting, MASC provided the unique option for executive board members to choose to attend in person, at South Hagerstown High School (in accordance with state COVID guidelines) or virtually. This allowed for a major turnout and for participants to feel comfortable, whichever way they decided to attend! For many students, the long drive or early start time motivated them to attend online. However, for others, it was more of a matter of safety. High school freshman and co-publications coordinator, Elani Bui attended virtually and noted that “it was an enjoyable experience to be able to watch and learn from the safety of my home.”



"I liked having an option that was best suited to my needs"

ELANI BUI, 14



From the perspective of an in-person attendee, MD State SMOB and high school senior, Kevin Bokoum, reported that he “had a great time!” The meeting went a couple of minutes overtime, but in the end participants’ patience paid off- from the satisfying improvements that the event achieved. Next up for MASC, Bokoum looks “forward to Legislative session in February with all the wonderful workshops.”

Committee Spotlight

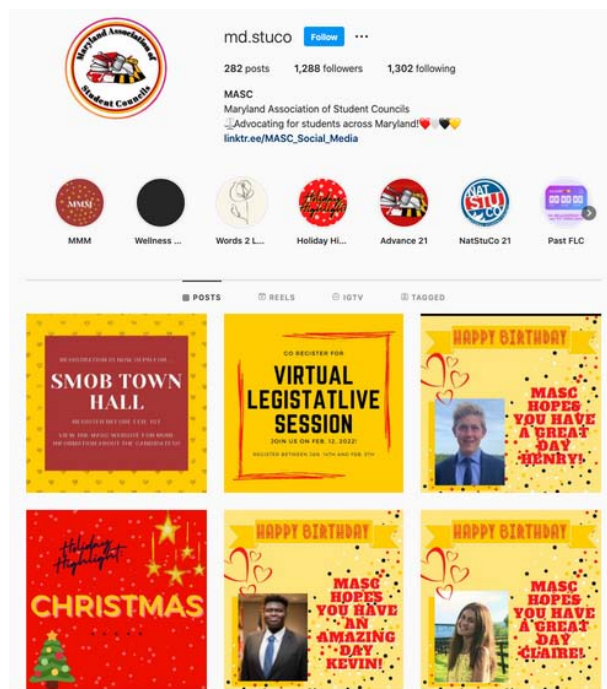
SOCIAL MEDIA

What is the Social Media Committee (SMC)?

The SMC consists of eight students from across the state who help MASC create posts for our Instagram & Facebook, and come up with ideas to reach more people. They create posts for our birthdays, Wellness Wednesdays, and Holiday Highlights.

A Notable Project:

SMC manager Lindsey Hutchinson's favorite projects are anything story-related "because it's so lovely to intersect with the people of MASC and MASC's followers".



MASC's aesthetically pleasing and carefully tailored Instagram feed.

Request Form

The SMC is instituting a new required procedure for any collaborative social media posts. A completed request form is mandatory for anyone interested in working with the SMC for a specific post. This applies for anyone within MASC (including members of the executive board and regional SGAs).

The form can be found on a post on the MASC homepage.



Member of the Month

ARUSA MALIK!

Among her other leadership appointment as the regional president of the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC), Arusa Malik is the Special Issues Director for MASC. She fell in love with student advocacy and leadership in her freshman year after joining her school's Student Government Association. Members of MASC describe her as a "super sweet" person who is very professional in fulfilling her job responsibilities. On top of that, she always has a smile on her face.



What to look for in the following months:

A list of upcoming MASC-related opportunities

- Legislative Session (Feb. 12)
- Executive Board Meeting (Feb. 26)
- Women Leadership Forum (March 12)
- Advocacy Week (March 14-18)

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