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Fall Leadership Conference

In-person events are back! The school year is kicking off with MASC's first in-person Fall Leadership Conference (FLC) since Covid. The conference will take place on Saturday, November 19th. There will be workshops, two civic engagement panels (principals, SMOBs, superintendents) and a Mock general assembly for middle schoolers. Attendees can expect to see this year's theme: The Magic of MASC Spellbinding Leadership, incorporated into the conference's workshops and activities.

A large part of the success of FLC is due to student-led workshops. FLC presenters have been working hard since Advance to create and fine tune the workshops for the conference. Workshop topics will include mental health, parliamentary procedure, and so much more. Sudenaz, an eighth grader from Fredrick County is looking forward to teaching at FLC. "I'm very excited about FLC especially since I'm presenting, because I have this opportunity to present a topic that I'm really passionate about! Also seeing a bunch of my friends from MASC that I haven't seen in a while..." Students from all across Maryland are excited to teach impactful workshops this November!

Registration for Fall Leadership Conference is now open and will close November 2nd, at 11:59pm. Advisors must register their students.

Committees

Interested in joining MASC in it's mission to foster leadership development, encourage student advocacy, and promote communication? Join an MASC committee! In these committees, students have the opportunity to discuss issues that they're passionate about. Through collaboration with students across Maryland, committee members will have the opportunity to take part in initiatives related to legislation, research, and more!

For more information on MASC Committees [click here!](#)

State SMOB

Nominations by school principals are now open! Interested students should extensively research the position, talk with past SMOBs, and ensure that they qualify for the position before seeking their school's nomination. Principals must upload their school's nomination by November 14th, 2022 at 5pm.

For more information, [visit here!](#)

State SMOB Timeline:

Monday, November 14, 2022	School nomination forms uploaded (5:00 p.m.)
Monday, December 5, 2022	Completed application packets must be uploaded (5:00 p.m.)
Monday, December 5, 2022	Required recommendations completed (5:00 p.m.)
Tuesday, December 27, 2022	Nominees contacted about interviews
Saturday, January 14, 2023	Virtual Interviews for selected nominees
Tuesday, February 7, 2023	Virtual SMOB Candidate Town Hall (7:00-8:00 p.m.) This is optional but strongly recommended
Thursday, January 19, 2023	Finalists - Personal statement and preliminary introductory speech deadline (5:00 p.m.)
Saturday, February 11, 2023	Up to Five Finalists present at the MASC Legislative Session (snow date Feb. 18, 2023)

Green Goals



Each month, MASC's Environmental Affairs Coordinators challenge people to take part in their green goals, positively impacting the environment.

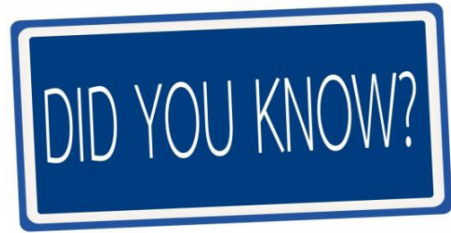
This month's green goals are:

- Avoid throwing your pumpkins away in the trash. They create harmful methane waste in landfills. Instead, compost them or break them open and have wildlife eat them. Many areas have sites available for residents to drop off food waste, such as MOM's Market and local government buildings, which can be found with a simple Google search!

- Avoid excessive buying. Do you need all those new sweaters, or can you wear some from last year? Is that spooky fashion wear something you'll keep for a couple of years or throw away right after Halloween is over?

- Opt for homemade decorations and costumes. You can try upcycling plastic bags and twine to make ghost decorations, and reusing cardboard boxes to make creative and fun Halloween outfits!

- Spend time outside! Go watch the leaves change color with a reusable water bottle or mug. Spending time each day with the environment has mental health benefits that can be felt immediately!



Electronics Recycling

Supporting MASC Through Your Donations

Over 100 million phones are stockpiled in U.S. households creating potentially hazardous waste. Unfortunately, electronics including cellphones, laptops, and tablets contain toxic substances. These toxic substances pose a serious environmental and health risk if discarded improperly.

[Donate](#) your old electronics (phones, laptops, tablets, etc) NOW by following the instructions listed in Recycling Electronics Fundraiser, which not only benefits the community, but also enables MASC to continue to have our amazing events and conferences!

Spirit Wear



Interested in repping MASC Merch?

Purchase MASC Spirit Wear at <https://mdprint.shop/collections/masc>

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Remembering Nora Murray



April 15, 1964 – September 13, 2022

It is with heavy hearts that MASC announces the passing of an incredible spirit and advisor within MASC. After a 14-year battle with sarcoma, during the early morning on Wednesday, September 13, 2022, our beloved Nora Murray passed away. It was through her promotion of student leadership and civic engagement that she helped students find their voice in life, school, and the world.

Mrs. Murray was the former Carroll and Baltimore County regional advisor as well as the last full-time MASC Executive Director.

Read an excellent article from the [Baltimore Sun](#) about her life and contributions to student leadership.

