

# MASC NEWSLETTER

## November-December



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## Fall Leadership Conference Recap.

by Anusha Krishnan

MASC held its first in-person Fall Leadership Conference since the pandemic on Saturday, November 19 at Lindale Middle School in Anne Arundel County. The conference had a packed schedule for delegates including workshops for middle and high school students, a mock GA for middle schoolers, and a round table discussion. Workshops for middle schoolers included parliamentary procedure for their mock General Assembly later, mental health, and time management while high schoolers had various options to choose from created by certified workshop presenters.

Samantha Morris, Student Workshop Coordinator (SWC) for MASC says, "The weeks leading up to FLC was a lot of hard work, but in the end, all presenters did an amazing job and we were able to pull it off." She, along with Jordan Hayes and Samantha Warfel (also both SWC's) spent numerous hours putting together workshops and coordinating presenters for the event. This included multiple emails, training check-ins, and last minute trouble shooting. Jordan says, "It was a lot of work, but it was great seeing how passionate the delegates and presenters were about their workshops."



WORKSHOP PRESENTERS POSE FOR A PICTURE BEFORE DELEGATES ARRIVE

There was also a civic education panel for middle and high schoolers which included a middle and high school principal, county superintendent, a former state student member on the state Board of Education (SMOB), a current county SMOB, and a member from the Maryland Civic Education Coalition. Students were able to voice their concerns during a question-and-answer period. High school students also participated in round tables which included conversations on environmentally-friendly schools, rebuilding SGAs, and diversity.



SUCCESSFUL PANEL

Hayden Kelly, another pre-pandemic presenter, senior from Calvert County and Parliamentarian for MASC, says, "I had a wonderful time presenting again. It felt right to be back in-person and reminded me of the fun memories I've had in the past presenting." Many of the presenters, first time or experienced, had a lot of fun connecting with delegates and creating visuals for their back-in-person workshops.

FLC was a success and MASC is looking forward to future conferences!

Shairee Arora, senior at Richard Montgomery High School and Montgomery County Regional SGA President, presented her final FLC workshop this past November. As one of the few presenters who taught even before the pandemic, she says, "There is a bit of bittersweet feeling with presenting this year. We lost two years so having my first presentation back in-person be my last FLC is a little bit sad but I know Legislative Session is next, so my presenting journey isn't over yet!"



DELEGATE COMPLETING THE PERSONALITY QUIZ IN WORKSHOPS

## December Executive Board Recap

by: Anusha Krishnan

The frosty air and bitter cold welcomed us into December along with our Executive Board Meeting that took place at Fairmont High School in Prince George's county this past Saturday. Many action items were taken care of including voting on bids to host the February Legislative Session and the March Convention, passing legislation, and learning about a great mental health campaign, #ICANHELP.

Wheaton High School has been chosen as the 2022-2023 location for Legislative Session after a wonderful bid by Pratiksha Das, the Wheaton High School President. Wheaton High School is in Montgomery County and their SGA will be co-hosting with MCR.



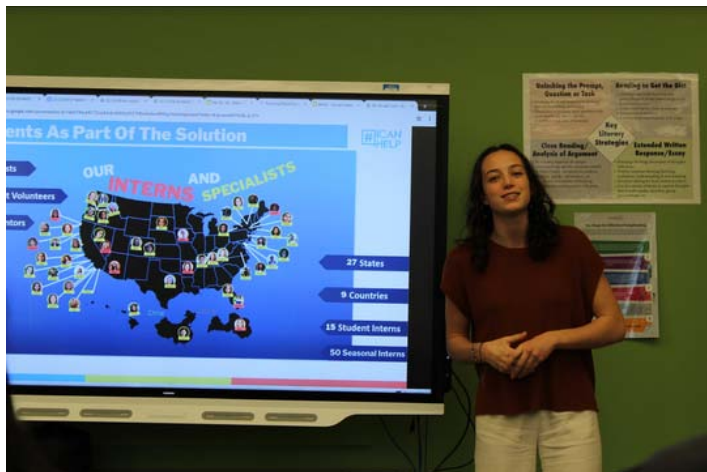
ICEBREAKERS COURTESY MASC PHOTOS

Washington County was voted to host the 2023 March Convention. The bid was presented by Mr. Jesse Orth along with Vice President Shradha Bista and at-large member Alex Smith.

The election rules for Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) elections and Officer elections as well as standing rules for Legislative Session and Convention were all passed with no amendments.



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MAYA TARANTINO EXPLAINING WORK2BEWELL, COURTESY MASC PHOTOS

Lastly, Maya Tarantino, a student at Dulaney High School in Baltimore County, taught board members about a wonderful mental health campaign, #ICANHELP. MASC has partnered with them in the past and is continuing to spread their positive message. She is the recruiting intern for Maryland and offered multiple avenues to get involved with the campaign which works to promote online safety and positivity. Links to get involved are listed below.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❄️ **January 18- February 1:** Workshop Apps for Convention
- ❄️ **January 23- February 4:** Registration for SMOB Candidate Town Hall
- ❄️ **February 7:** SMOB Town Hall
- ❄️ **February 11:** Legislative Session @ Wheaton High School (Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/3y9t5tns>, January 4-23, Membership Required!)

## OTHER RESOURCES

**ICANHELP Campaign:** <https://www.icanhelp.net/about>

**Work2BeWell:** <https://work2bewell.org/>

**MASC Website:** <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/events/>