



Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/>

Affiliated with the National Association of Student Councils



Mission Statement

The mission of MASC is to foster a statewide environment for all secondary school students to express and exchange opinions and ideas, develop leadership skills, and promote student representation and involvement in all groups and organizations impacting the lives of students. (Leadership Development & Youth Collaboration; Legislative Advocacy; Student Service Learning)

Student Leaders



Local School Student Councils



(Optional: Regions—comprised of school student councils from one county, a group of counties or Baltimore City. Not all schools have a county/regional organization)

MASC Executive Board—comprised of four elected officers (president, 1st vice president [HS], 2nd vice president [MS], and treasurer); *appointed staff positions; regional presidents, middle school representatives, and student members on Boards of Education (SMOB); State SMOB; regional advisors and MASC executive directors
(advisors have all rights save suffrage)



MASC General Assembly – comprised of the member schools and executive board; Convened during the Fall Leadership Conference (if needed to conduct business), the Convention (only member schools may attend as there is major business), and the Spring Leadership Conference (if needed to conduct business).

Calendar Overview *(leadership training at all events)*

May: Staff Interviews & Appointment of Staff

June: Officer's Retreat; Staff Development Day; National VISION Leadership Conference;

July: Staff work and department conference calls

August: "Advance" (overnight) – workshop presenter certification and Executive Board meeting

November: Optional - NASC LEAD Conference; Fall Leadership Conference (1 day)

December: Executive Board Meeting

January: State SMOB Interviews; Convention workshop training

February: Executive Board Meeting (virtual); Convention (3-day, 2-night: elections of the final two candidates for the student member on the state Board of Education, voting on bill stances in the MD General Assembly, election of MASC officers, workshops, motivational speakers, fun!)

April: Inclusion in Leadership Forum; staff applications

May: Staff interviews; Executive Board Meeting (swearing in of new officers & confirmation of newly appointed staff)

***Appointed Staff Positions** are subject to change with new officer elections – defined in *Operating Principles*, which are approved yearly:

- Chief of Staff
- Operations Director
- Communications Director
- Special Issues Director & Deputy
- Secretary
- Divisional Liaisons (8 divisions)
- Environmental Affairs
- Evaluations
- Future Leadership Webinar Coordinator
- Historians
- Parliamentarian
- Publications
- Service Coordinators
- State Legislative Affairs (SLACer)
- MD Center for School Safety ([Advisory](#) and [Subcabinet](#) [observer only])
- Student Workshop Coordinator(s)
- Technical Operations Coordinator

Awards:

- Wayne Perry Principal of the Year
- Mike Michaelson HS Advisor of the Year
- MS Advisor of the Year
- MS & HS Felix Simon Awards (*student council leadership and service*)
- Susan Nash Travetto Friend of MASC Award (selected by MASC executive directors & officers)
- Catherine Nora Murray Unsung Hero Award (selected by Executive Board)
- Karen L. Crawford Regional Advisor of the Year
- Outstanding Student Leaders (one from each region)
- Conference Hosts Recognition



advocacy

opportunity
challenges
confidence

leadership

service
dedication
communication

MASC

attitude **teamwork**



State Student Member on the Board of Education (SMOB):

Since 1985, Maryland has an appointed student member on the State Board of Education. MASC elects the two finalists and the Governor appoints one student. The student has all voting rights as the adult members except for matter of negative personnel. Most of the counties in Maryland have SMOBS, varying from no vote, recorded opinion vote, partial vote, no negative personal, and one with full voting privileges.

MASC is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

MASC CELEBRATES DIVERSITY

MASC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, ancestry or national origin, familial status, marital status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or genetic information in its programs and activities and provides equal access and a welcoming environment to all groups.

Legislative Advocacy:

In building relationships with their legislators. MASC takes stances on youth-related bills and advocates in Annapolis, our state capital, at committee hearings. MASC appoints students to the [MD Youth Advisory Council](#) (MYAC), part of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services.