

Hey Maryland! My name is Shreya Dinesh, and I'm honored to be running to be your next Maryland Student Member of the Board (SMOB). As an Indian-American student leader in Maryland's public schools, I've seen firsthand the variety of gaps we face - from mounting mental pressure to the continued underrepresentation of marginalized groups. In my home of Howard County, I've worked to bridge these disparities, and now I'm ready to bring that experience to the State Board of Education.

These issues aren't simply talking points, they stem from stories of real students. The five main pillars of my platform, STARS, consist of supporting the underrepresented, transparent leadership, accessible advocacy, reliable wellness initiatives, and sharpening financial literacy, all principles curated after recognizing our students' cries for help.

Advocating for tangible, actionable goals is at the heart of my candidacy. That's why I'm incredibly passionate about implementing statewide student workshops to foster leadership, crafting simple legislative briefs to encourage testimony, and championing financial literacy curricula to prepare students for the real world. If given the honor of serving as your Student Member I will devote myself to amplifying the voices of our student body, transforming our concerns into real improvements.

Representing 889,900 students, the responsibility of the Maryland SMOB is more than a title: it's a great responsibility to represent the state's student body and our needs. I offer a new face to the table, one capable of connecting with younger audiences while leveraging professional skills to spark meaningful change. We deserve a representative who can not only listen, but act on and truly fulfill their promises.

Allow me to be that representative for you. Together, we can reach for the stars.

# SHREYA DINESH

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## EDUCATION

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<b>GLENELG HIGH SCHOOL</b> <i>Howard County Public School System</i>	FALL 2023 – SPRING 2027 <i>Howard County, MD</i>
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## EXPERIENCE

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<b>KUMON CLARKSVILLE</b>   <i>Teacher</i>	JUL 2023 – PRESENT
<b>MORGAN'S MESSAGE NONPROFIT</b>   <i>Ambassador</i>	DEC 2023 – PRESENT
<b>TEDCO MARYLAND VENTURE CAPITAL</b>   <i>Business Development and Marketing Intern</i>	APR 2024 – PRESENT
<b>SENATE OFFICE OF KATIE FRY HESTER</b>   <i>Summer Policy Intern</i>	JUN 2024 – JUL 2024
<b>ACARIN INC.</b>   <i>Marketing Intern</i>	JUL 2024 – PRESENT
<b>WORLD TRADE CENTER INSTITUTE</b>   <i>Albrecht Fellow</i>	JAN 2025 – PRESENT
<b>THE HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH FOUNDATION</b>   <i>Leadership Summit Scholar</i>	INCOMING

## LEADERSHIP

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<b>NRITHYASHALA SCHOOL OF INDIAN DANCE</b>   <i>Senior Competitor</i>	JAN 2013 – PRESENT
<b>GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL MARYLAND</b>   <i>Council Delegate &amp; Former Shadow Girl</i>	JAN 2018 – PRESENT
<b>POTOMAC DEBATE ACADEMY</b>   <i>Speech Captain</i>	JAN 2019 – PRESENT
<b>HOWARD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS</b>   <i>Former 2nd Vice President &amp; Corresponding Secretary</i>	JAN 2021 – PRESENT
<b>HOWARD COUNTY SMOB CONVENTION</b>   <i>Appointed Delegate</i>	MARCH 2021 and MARCH 2022
<b>GLENWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY</b>   <i>Vice President &amp; President</i>	SEP 2021 – JUN 2023
<b>MARYLAND STATE SMOB OPERATIONAL TEAM</b>   <i>Appointed Member</i>	2022 – 2023
<b>HOWARD COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR STUDENT EQUITY</b>   <i>Outreach Head</i>	DEC 2023 – MAY 2024
<b>GLENELG CLASS OF 2027 SGA</b>   <i>President</i>	SEP 2023 – PRESENT
<b>GLENELG JV FIELD HOCKEY</b>   <i>Captain</i>	AUG 2024 – NOV 2024
<b>GLENELG SPEECH &amp; DEBATE TEAM</b>   <i>Speech Captain</i>	APRIL 2024 – PRESENT
<b>GLENELG EXECUTIVE SGA</b>   <i>Appointed Board Member</i>	APRIL 2024 – PRESENT
<b>HOWARD COUNTY RECREATION &amp; PARKS ADVISORY BOARD</b>   <i>Student Member</i>	JULY 2024 – PRESENT
<b>MARYLAND FBLA OFFICER COUNCIL</b>   <i>Councilmember</i>	JULY 2024 – PRESENT
<b>GLENELG NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS</b>   <i>Chapter President</i>	SEP 2024 – PRESENT
<b>GLENELG KEY CLUB</b>   <i>Sophomore Class Representative</i>	SEP 2024 – PRESENT

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

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<b>AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES</b>	2023 – 2024
<b>AP UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT &amp; POLITICS</b>	2024 – 2025
<b>AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY</b>	2024 – 2025
<b>AP STATISTICS &amp; PROBABILITY</b>	2024 – 2025

## AWARDS

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<b>HOWARD COUNTY NATIONAL HISTORY DAY</b>   <i>Award of Excellence for African American History</i>	MARCH 2023
<b>HOWARD COUNTY NATIONAL CIVICS BEE</b>   <i>Finalist</i>	MARCH 2023
<b>JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY MESA</b>   <i>1st place Regionally, 2nd Statewide</i>	MARCH 2023
<b>BALTIMORE CATHOLIC FORENSICS LEAGUE METROPOLITAN COMPETITION</b>   <i>Impromptu Champion</i>	MARCH 2024
<b>ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST</b>   <i>2nd place Speaker</i>	APRIL 2024
<b>UCLA SPEECH &amp; DEBATE INVITATIONAL</b>   <i>Top 3 – Impromptu &amp; Extemporaneous Speaking</i>	NOVEMBER 2024
<b>TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SERIES #1</b>   <i>Top 3 – Impromptu Speaking</i>	DECEMBER 2024