

Madison C. Watts

Candidate for MASC 1st Vice President

EDUCATION

- Rockville High School, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), Maryland
- International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP) Candidate
- Spanish National Honor Society President • Science National Honor Society Treasurer • Key Club Treasurer • Rockville High School Girls Tennis Team Varsity Captain • Varsity Public Forum Debate

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Maryland Association of Student Councils

Environmental Affairs Coordinator, Environmental Affairs Committee Chair, Certified Workshop Presenter (July 2023 - Present)

- Report to MASC on environmental issues in the state of Maryland, particularly those relating to public schools.
- Established MASC's first environmental newsletter, "GreenCrabs," and authors monthly "Green Goals" and newsletter issues to be posted on the MASC website.
- Communicate with the Special Issues Department, attend meetings, and complete interdepartmental initiatives.
- Serve as a liaison to environmental advocacy groups at the request of MASC.
- Lead Environmental Affairs Committee (EAC) meetings and delegate projects among the team.
- Presented a workshop titled "Composting 101" at MASC's Spring Leadership Conference.

State SMOB (Student Member of the Board of Education) Operational Team

Outreach Director (August 2023 - Present)

- Direct the outreach department, providing guidance and support to enhance lines of communication, engagement, and state SMOB informational sessions across geographical locations in Maryland.
- Collaborate with the Outreach Deputies and state SMOB to develop transparency within SMOB updates and work to increase state SMOB awareness/understanding around Maryland.

Montgomery County Regional Student Government Association (MCR-SGA)

Advocacy Initiatives Coordinator (July 2023 - Present)

- Plan the annual MCR Advocacy Day in Annapolis by working with Advocacy Initiatives Directors and fellow coordinators to determine policies advocated for.
- Disseminate information about MCR and Montgomery County advocacy opportunities by working with various MCR-SGA departments and student leaders.
- Perform work under the direction of the MCR-SGA President, Chief of Staff, and Directors of Advocacy Initiatives.
- Create opportunities for students across the county to advocate for specific policies.

Maryland Student Coalition

Senior Associate Director (August 2023 - Present)

- Lead Senior Associates in researching, editing, and writing testimony for the Diverse English Language Arts Curriculum (DELAC) bill.
- Serve as a liaison between the Senior Associate group and the leadership team, effectively conveying ideas, concerns, and project interests.
- Facilitate regular meetings to foster collaboration, brainstorm Senior Associate group initiatives, and ensure the group is working to further the mission of the organization.

Montgomery County SMOB (Student Member of the Board of Education) Advisory Council

Projects Director (June 2023 - Present)

- Leads the Projects Department within the Council, overseeing the planning, discussion-based approaches, and initiatives aimed at obtaining student perspectives and advocating for students around the county.
- Facilitate discussions and conversations to produce innovative solutions and strategies for addressing student concerns and advocating for change.

Barnes & Scott Youth Law Camp

Chairman of the Board & Certified Workshop Presenter (September 2023 - Present)

- Oversee internal affairs of the Board, present student leadership and advocacy training to pre-law students, outreach events and conferences to Maryland students, and provide feedback on event logistics and operations.

Hey MASC! My name is Madison Watts, I am a junior at Rockville High School in Montgomery County, and I am thrilled to run for Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) 1st Vice President!

I have gained valuable experience in advocacy and leadership through my active involvement in local and statewide initiatives where I spearheaded positive change, collaborated with student leaders, and effectively advocated for the student body, which has properly equipped me to run for and take on the responsibilities of MASC 1st Vice President. The role of MASC 1st Vice President is **fundamental** to the organization at-large and includes developing a system for collecting and distributing Regional/Student Members on Boards of Education reports, recruiting committee members from each region for MASC committees, providing information about MASC to interested organizations, assisting with reviewing and editing all publications of MASC, working to review applications, serving as the primary point of contact for Regional Presidents and SMOBs, and **working to directly support and guide Divisional Liaisons**. Let's work together and push for change, MASC!

I am running for MASC 1st Vice President because I am dedicated to being a catalyst for change and ensuring that all voices in the MASC family are listened to and acted upon! I am determined to empower Maryland students and drive constructive progress. I aim to **foster inclusivity, amplify student voices, and implement initiatives** that boost the MASC experience for all interested members. I plan to achieve these goals by establishing and utilizing my platform, ACCESS:

- **ACCESSIBILITY** - I am committed to ensuring that all Maryland students have an equal opportunity to engage with MASC's resources and initiatives. Serving as a dedicated **point of contact**, I will work to address any accessibility concerns, provide support, and advocate for inclusive practices within MASC.
- **COLLABORATION** - I believe in the power of collaboration and **unity within MASC**. As MASC 1st Vice President, I will foster strong relationships with the Executive Directors, Elected Officers, Appointed Staff (specifically Divisional Liaisons), and student leaders over Maryland, facilitating open communication, diverse perspectives, and working together to enhance the MASC experience for all.
- **CONNECTIVITY** - Through consistent communication, check-ins, and opportunities for support, I seek to form a culture of unity and collaboration, fostering strong bonds and **networks of communication** that enable MASC to work effectively toward our shared mission and goals.
- **EMPOWERMENT** - As MASC 1st Vice President, I am dedicated to **empowering students** across Maryland by equipping them with the tools, resources, and opportunities they need to thrive. Through leadership/advocacy initiatives, open discussions, and informational sessions, I want to inspire and equip students to become confident and dedicated leaders who can drive positive change in their communities and around the state of Maryland.
- **SUPPORT** - I am passionate about fostering inclusivity and support where **every student feels welcomed and valued**. Through outreach, accessibility initiatives, and committing to uplifting diverse voices, I will ensure that all student leaders have the resources and support that they need to thrive within MASC.
- **SOLUTIONS** - In MASC, I am committed to fostering a space of **solution-oriented thinking**, where challenges are met with innovation, collaboration, and resilience. By prioritizing innovative problem-solving and encouraging MASC to seek and implement solutions, MASC can effectively address issues and foster positive initiatives.

As your 2024-2025 Maryland Association of Student Councils 1st Vice President, together, we can transform our MASC vision into reality, and with your vote, we can begin the journey of ACCESS for all. Thank you for considering me for this wonderful position, and I hope to serve you and MASC with dedication, passion, and enthusiasm!

Warmest Regards,

Madison C. Watts