

Meet the Candidates



President



Lumina Zhang



Sasha Pazoki



Shradha Bista

Candidates' Statements & Résumés

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LUMINA ZHANG

CANDIDATE FOR MASC PRESIDENT

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EDUCATION

Junior at Winston Churchill High School
GPA: 4.0/4.0 unweighted, 5.0/5.0 weighted
494.4 SSL Hours

VOLUNTEERING

The Tacy Foundation

Piano Pals, Composer's Circle, Seniors
Live Music Chief Intern, Volunteer

2017 - Present

- Teach underprivileged children piano, compose, train volunteers, host sessions

Pop for a Cause

Community Events Director

2021 - 2023

- Hosted Earth Month Festival, hosted art and education tables, sell popcorn

JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

Youth Activism Project

Activation Hub Team Lead

2021 - Present

- Train youth activists across the nation, develop programs, host workshops

Montgomery County

Government Department of Environmental Protection

Climate Intern

2022

- Create TikTok videos, analyze data, design state youth coalition, present results, research climate issues

AWARDS

- Daily Point of Light Award
- 2 times MASC Outstanding Student Leader Regional Recognition
- Maryland Youth Service Award
- Montgomery County Women Making History Award
- Honorable Mention in C-SPAN StudentCam Documentary Competition

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

Elected Treasurer

2023-2024

- Organized multiple fundraisers in collaboration with businesses
- Attended VISION Conference as only Maryland delegate
- Formed Finance Committee, hosted Career in Finance Workshop
- Developed and fundraised for Convention Student Grants program
- Apply for grants, request business donations, started GoFundMe

Division 4 Liaison

2022 - 2023

- Analyzed MASC membership to determine underrepresented areas
- Presented at multiple regional SGA meetings
- Formed Division 4 Committee
- Hosted the Division 4 Advocacy Fair (51 RSVP's), featuring MASC and 7 other organizations

Certified Workshop Presenter

2021 - Present

Eco MoCo

Co-Founder and Co-President

2022 - Present

- Founded and lead national 501(c)(3) student-led nonprofit, focused on environmental advocacy and leadership development
- Lead over 100 members and impacted 3,000+ people
- Developed national chapters program (19+ chapter clubs/organizations)
- Host monthly Executive Board meetings and support 6 departments in fundraisers, a postcard campaign, workshop series, newsletters, etc.
- Host events, manage organization finances and logistics

Winston Churchill High School

Class of 2025 SGA President

2022 - Present

- Lead Executive Board and represent the Class of 2025
- Created Homecoming hallways, monthly opportunities newsletter, suggestion box, class bulletin board, social media content, fundraisers

No Place for Hate Student Committee President

2023 - Present

- Lead around 100 students in creating campaigns to promote inclusivity
- Developed diversity homeroom lessons, trained 192 students in presenting lessons to over 2,230 students; hosted art poster contest

TEDxYouth@WCHS Co-President and TEDx Licensee

2022 - Present

- Hosted 2 TEDx conferences and trained speakers

Chinese Honor Society Co-President

2023 - Present

- Hosted school's first Lunar New Year Gala with 20+ performances, 80 students involved, and 250 attendees

EcoArt Founder and President

2022 - Present

- Hosted Staff Appreciation Card-Making Event making 278 cards

Pop for a Cause Churchill Co-Founder and Co-President

2023 - Present

Montgomery County Regional SGA (MCR)

Environmental Affairs Coordinator

2021 - 2022

LUMINA ZHANG

CANDIDATE FOR MASC PRESIDENT

Hello MASC! My name is Lumina Zhang, and I am running to be your **2023-2024 Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) President**. I have advocated for students for the past 6 years on the school, county, state, and national levels. I have served as the Co-Founder and Co-President of Eco MoCo, Class of 2025 SGA President, Youth Activism Project Activation Hub Team Lead, Montgomery County Public School Student Climate Action Council Councilmember, Montgomery County Regional SGA Environmental Affairs Coordinator, President of 7 school clubs/organizations, and more. Most importantly, I have been involved in MASC for 4 years, from attending Convention in 8th grade to being certified as a workshop presenter, serving as the MASC Division 4 Liaison, and being elected as Treasurer. My strong experiences in leading organizations and even founding my own national 501(c)(3) nonprofit, in addition to my passion and dedication will allow me to excel as MASC President. **My passion for student leadership is the driving force behind my work. I am running to be your President because I want to provide opportunities for all students to get involved. I care about MASC and I want to help everyone thrive.** My experience in MASC proves that I have spearheaded change in every position I serve in and you will see an even stronger passion from me as President.

From 2022-2023, I served as the **MASC Division 4 Liaison** where I worked closely with three counties. I initiated the **first Division 4 Committee**, hosted the Division 4 **Advocacy Fair** which had over 50 RSVP's, and created MASC's **first Membership Maps** where I identified underrepresented areas for outreach. From 2023-2024, I am honored to have been elected as your **MASC Treasurer**, and I am proud to have made transformative strides as an officer. I kicked off in-person statewide fundraisers for MASC by partnering with businesses through a highly successful **ice cream fundraiser** at Advance and a **popcorn fundraiser** at Fall Leadership Conference. I formed a **Finance Committee** with over 40 students, conducted donation requests, and hosted the Career in Finance Webinar. To increase representation and advance equity, I launched the **first Convention Student Grants** program to support students from underrepresented areas to attend Convention for free after fundraising tirelessly through **creating MASC's GoFundMe** page. I am currently planning a donations drive with FUNDdrive to raise money and support the community at Spring Leadership Conference. I have also represented MASC at two national conferences.

Now, I am running to be your MASC President to enact innovative change and action. I will work with you, for you, to amplify the student voice, create opportunities, and expand our impact through my **I.S.C.R.E.A.M** platform.

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- I stands for I, myself. I will lead by example. I am not here just to talk. I am here to act.

Support

- Support innovation, support change

Connect

- Connect with MASC alumni and student organizations/businesses

Represent

- Represent all students, increase representation from underrepresented areas

Expand

- Expand MASC's impact to the national level

Absorb

- Absorb student suggestions

More Opportunities

- More opportunities - more Executive Board positions and meaningful events



Learn more about me and my campaign:

lumina4president.com

SASHA PAZOKI

STUDENT LEADER



INVOLVEMENT

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- (2023-2024) School Performance and Achievement Team Aberdeen High School student representative

EXTRACURRICULARS

- (2016-2024) Club Soccer with Oldline and Baltimore Celtic (Team Captain)
- (2021-2024) Varsity Soccer
- (2021-2024) Speech and Debate Team (Vice President)
- (2022-2024) Voice of Equity Club
- (2021-2024) Medical Club (President)
- (2022-2024) Gender, Sexualities, and Alliances (President)
- (2022-2024) Glamor Girls (President)
- (2022-2024) Women in Stem
- (2023-2024) National Honor Society
- (2023-2024) National Science Honor Society

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

- (2023-2024) 2nd VP for Aberdeen High School
- (2022-2023) Secretary for Aberdeen High School
- (2022-2024) Leader of Communications Committee
- (2022-2023) Secretary for Harford County Regional Association of Student Councils
- (2022-2024) Publications Coordinator for Maryland Association of Student Councils
- (2023-2024) Member of Youth and Government

OBJECTIVE

Dedicated student leader with a proven track record of success as the Maryland Association of Student Councils representative, seeking to leverage strong organizational and interpersonal skills to contribute positively to a dynamic team or organization, while continuing to promote student advocacy and empowerment.

EDUCATION

SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS ACADEMY AT ABERDEEN

- GPA 4.65
- Honor Roll (Three years)
- Advanced Placement Scholar Award: Statistics, Biology, World History, and Environmental Science
- Student Assistance: Student Tutoring Service, Lab Assistant, Teacher Aid

OUTSIDE EXPERIENCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Published two computational essays and research projects in collaboration with Steven Wolfram, working within the Wolfram Language
- Color Distance for Color Blind People Computational essay (2022)
- Investigating Changes in Artic Sea Ice Levels computational essay (2023)
- Wolfram Middle School certification (2021)
- Wolfram High School certification (2022)
- WTCl fellowship (2022-2023)
- BWSI (Girls Who Can Program Autonomous Cognitive Assistant) certified (2022)
- BWSI (Computational Biology) certified (2021)
- Summer Researcher Program with the Combat Capabilities Development (2023-Present)
- Apprenticeship as Dental Assistant and Secretary at Campus Hill Dentistry (2020-2024)

PUBLIC PRESENCE

- Advocated for increased funding for HCRASC in the Board of Education's FY24-25 operating budget
- Gave two speeches at a student voice forum advocating for school safety

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Volunteer, Homeless Shelter of Harford County
- Volunteer, Keith Von Erron's Youth Soccer Assistance

Sasha Pazoki

Running for the position of President in the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) is not just a personal ambition for me; it is a commitment to fostering positive change and empowerment within our student community. Throughout my academic journey, I have consistently witnessed the potential for student councils to be catalysts for transformative initiatives, and I am eager to contribute to this momentum as President.

My motivation to run for this esteemed position stems from a deep-rooted belief in the power of student leadership. I have been an active member of various student councils and organizations, allowing me to grasp the unique challenges and opportunities that students encounter. As President, I aspire to amplify the voices of my fellow students, ensuring that their concerns are not only heard but also addressed with diligence and empathy.

One of my primary goals is to enhance communication and collaboration among students across the state. I envision creating a platform that encourages the exchange of ideas, experiences, and best practices. By facilitating dialogue and unity, we can build a stronger, more interconnected student community that transcends geographical boundaries.

In addition to fostering a sense of unity, I am committed to championing initiatives that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion. I believe that every student deserves a fair and equal opportunity to thrive, regardless of their background. As President, I will work tirelessly to implement policies and programs that promote inclusivity, ensuring that every student feels represented and valued within MASC.

Furthermore, I aim to spearhead projects that address pertinent issues facing students today. This includes mental health awareness, environmental sustainability, and educational equity. By mobilizing the collective strength of MASC, we can create tangible, positive change that resonates not only within our schools but reverberates throughout the entire state.

Ultimately, my candidacy for President of MASC is fueled by a genuine passion for service and a desire to make a lasting impact on the lives of Maryland students. I am dedicated to leading with integrity, empathy, and a commitment to excellence. Together, as a united student body, we can transform challenges into opportunities and create a legacy of positive change for generations to come. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve and lead MASC towards a brighter future.

SHRADHA BISTA

Washington County | 2024-25 MASC President Candidate

EDUCATION

North Hagerstown High School | *Washington County*

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme | Graduation Year: 2025

- Extracurriculars: Key Club – Treasurer, Tri-M NHS – Secretary, IB Council, Model UN, Orchestra, & Jazz Band

Hagerstown Community College | *Hagerstown MD*

Early College Access Program | Dual Enrollment Courses

EXPERIENCE

Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

Chief of Staff | 2023-'24

- Support the Officer Team with conference planning, meetings, and reviewing materials.
- Manage 50+ Appointed Staff members with their year-long goals and 1-1 calls for support.
- Attend department, committee, and position-specific meetings to assist them with achieving their goals.

Communications Director | 2022-'23

- Led the Communications Department of 6 Appointed Staff members and supported the Officer Team.
- Oversaw all projects in this department including social media posts, Executive Board minutes, and Newsletters.

Social Media Manager | 2021-'22

Certified Workshop Presenter | 2020-Present

Washington County Association of Student Councils (WCASC)

President | 2023-'24

- Organize and lead bi-monthly General Assemblies by creating activities, inviting speakers, & coordinating service projects.
- Lead a Board of Student Leaders with 12 students and 3 committees through weekly meetings and monthly projects.
- Communicate with school presidents and MASC to ensure that WCASC is represented at all levels.

Vice President | 2021-'23

Second-Vice President | 2020-'21

- Shared the perspectives of middle schoolers to WCASC and MASC; encourage middle school involvement in WCASC.

MASC Convention Host Co-Chair | 2023

- Organized and oversaw the Community Outreach, Recreation, and Decorations Committees and Advisor Hospitality.
- Coordinated with Hotel Staff and MASC Leadership to ensure smooth operations of the event.
- Troubleshooted various issues that delegates had throughout the event.

Maryland Youth Advisory Council (MYAC)

Executive Board member | 2023-'24

- Appointed on behalf of MASC to work on youth-led initiatives and legislative projects.
- Created publicity content, met with legislators, oversaw a \$5,000 grant project, and tracked 2024 MGA bills.

North Hagerstown High School Student Council Association (SCA)

Executive Board Member | 2021-'23

Class of 2025 Treasurer | 2021-'23

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) | Student Visionaries of the Year Candidate

- Found and leading the North Hag. Chapter of 12 students to raise \$50,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; leading weekly meetings, fundraising events, and sponsorship meetings with local businesses.

Mazah | App Developer, Front-End Coder

- Coding an app to decrease food waste by tracking expiration dates and providing resources for food donations.

Little League Coding | MD Chapter Founder, President

- Planning an in-person summer STEM Fair for 5-12 year olds in Maryland to participate in hands-on coding projects.



SHRADHA BISTA

Washington County | 2024-25 MASC
President Candidate

Hello, MASC! **I am Shradha Bista, a junior from North Hagerstown High School in Washington County.** I am excited to be a candidate for your next MASC President! I began my journey in MASC in middle school, where I fell in love with the community that MASC had built with passionate leaders. In the role of President, I hope to continue the work of leaders before me to cultivate a strong, loving, and diverse community – while building an organization with more direct goals. I plan to do this through **my three Rs: reliability, representation, and realignment.**

Presidents must prove their **reliability**. As MASC’s Chief of Staff, **I have attended meetings, held 1-1 calls with Appointed Staff, and facilitated behind-the-scenes operations of all MASC events and projects.** As President, I will:

- Continue the **momentum** I’ve started as Chief of Staff by ensuring follow-through on MASC ideas or projects and ensuring that they advance the core values and mission of MASC.
- Continue to **materialize** the ideas that our Appointed Staff have.
 - Ex. Creating webinars that support the work of coordinators without clouding MASC’s calendar.

Leadership is rooted in **representation**. As a regional president, **I understand the importance of making sure that the students are representative of the organization as a whole;** this is why **diversity and inclusion are at the forefront of my campaign.** As president, I will:

- Continue to be **approachable**, understanding, and empathetic in my leadership.
- **Build** an Appointed Staff that has strong representation from as many regions, backgrounds, and experience levels as possible and maintain a staff of strong, dedicated, and passionate leaders.
- Hold calls with leaders to build stronger **connections** across Maryland.
 - Ex. Monthly calls with Regional Presidents; bi-monthly calls with SMOBs; and semesterly calls with school presidents – these calls will help in gaining insight into what I can do to better support the leaders of MASC and implement what leaders *need*.

MASC will grow through **realignment**. **I want to show students that MASC is a place for enacting meaningful change and bringing student vision to life.** As President, I will:

- **Collaborate** with Appointed Staff to ensure impactful and interactive activities for delegates to participate in that help them make a difference.
 - Ex. Student Workshop Coordinators emphasizing activities that delegates can “take back” to their schools.
 - Ex. Social Media Managers, Publications Coordinators, and Divisional Liaisons uplifting activities in MASC like our bill stances and service projects.
- Use events to **encourage** students to work with outside organizations and hands-on projects to build their communities.
 - Ex. Inviting guest speakers from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Maryland Center for School Safety, and the Maryland Board of Education to speak with delegates about how they can get involved in different programs.

As MASC President, I want to grow leaders and energize an organization that has cultivated my growth throughout my middle and high school journey. By valuing reliability, boosting representation, and striving for the realignment of MASC’s goals, I am sure that MASC will grow as an organization and we will all grow as student leaders.