

# SHRADHA BISTA

Washington County | 2024-25 MASC President Candidate

## EDUCATION

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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.



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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.