

CORNTICHER FOR VICE PRESIDENT

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Hello MASC, **I am Daniel Cornitcher, a junior at Joppatowne High School in Harford County.** I would be so grateful to **serve students as your next Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) 1st Vice President.**

Throughout my high school experience, I've seen the power and influence students like us can have on policy and making positive change. However, it only works when we have diverse representation, collaboration, and have all voices heard. Additionally, we cannot turn a blind eye to the clear gaps in equity and accessibility in advocacy, nor can we ignore the thousands of students who are uninformed about MASC or their potential to make a difference in their state or local community. MASC is a platform for all of Maryland's students. Yet for too many, the path to involvement at the state level can feel complicated, distant, or even impossible.

I'm running for 1st Vice President to eliminate those feelings and to ensure that all students, regardless of identity, background, school, or location, are represented and can have their voices heard. I want to work towards creating a stronger and more connected MASC by expanding our outreach to under-participating schools and districts. This includes broadening representation on our executive board and leadership teams, making our advocacy more impactful and accessible for all students, and lowering the barriers that prevent students from participating in our events and conferences. It's time to R.I.S.E. up to the occasion and ensure that all students have a voice.

My goal is to ensure that all MASC programs and activities focus on representing, including, supporting, and engaging with students across the state.

Representing: We need to guarantee that every student in the state's voice will be heard when shaping all of MASC's policies, activism, and plans. I would **host several divisional caucuses** and **establish an Education Policy Committee** to monitor Board of Education policies across the state. This would ensure that we can see representation from a more diverse group of students, especially on pressing issues like equity in education and school safety.

Including: We represent nearly 900,000 students from every corner of the state, and our leadership team should reflect that. I would work to **establish the roles of Rural Affairs Coordinators for the eastern shore and western MD.** They would help bridge the gap in rural student participation and ensure all voices are heard.

Supporting: Many schools and students want to be involved but don't know where to start. I would work with the Divisional Liaisons to **contact every single school's advisor, principal, and leadership team,** to ensure they have the resources needed for more engagement. We would also expand our middle school outreach and encourage early exposure to leadership opportunities.

Engaging: Advocacy is active, not passive. We should work to create more accessible and interactive advocacy opportunities. From **inviting policy makers to MASC events to engage with students firsthand, to holding town halls with current and potential office holders.** We should also work to have more engagement on the school level. Putting in more work to **promote our conferences and events to a wider array of students.**

We can work towards creating a more diverse and impactful MASC. I am ready to put in the work, and I hope to earn your support in this journey. Let's R.I.S.E. together and build a more inclusive and impactful MASC!

Daniel Cornitcher

MASC VICE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESUME

EXPERIENCE

Maryland Association of Student Councils, *Parliamentarian*

May 2024 - PRESENT

- Advised elected officers and appointed staff on proper parliamentary procedure.
- Chaired the Documents Revisions Committee to update various Documents and Organizing principles
- Ensured proper Procedure was followed at executive board meetings

Global Compromise Collective, *Outreach Department Member*

July 2024 - PRESENT

- Contacting Donors, Potential partner organizations, and Legislators and Politicians on a national scale
- Authored and Edited monthly newsletters
- Reaching out and Recruiting New Members

Harford County Association of Student Councils, *Charitable Activities Coordinator*

October 2023 - June 2024

- Managed organizational activities and events post covid
- Assisted in the financial recovery of the organization following several years of deficit spending
- As the only executive board member from my school, I worked to ensure HCRASC events were more accessible and inclusive of students across all schools in the county

Harford County Public Schools, *Library Reconsideration Committee*

October 2024 - PRESENT

- Member of HCPSs first and Maryland's second ever Library Reconsideration committee serving with teachers, community members, and fellow students
- Researching and reviewing books, and legal precedents to advise the BOE on the value and maturity of materials in the county's libraries advising for or against their removal

EDUCATION

Harford Community College – *Associates of Science, Information Assurance and Cyber Security*

Estimated Graduation April 2026

Student in the P TECH magnet program in partnership with Joppatowne HS, HCPS, and the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command.

Joppatowne High School

September 2022 - June 2026

Involvement in assorted activities and clubs. Currently, we are in the process of founding an MCSS-recognized school safety organization. Currently establishing a chapter of the National Technical Honor Society

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Fundraising and Event Planning

Financial planning

Legislative Analysis

Information security

Education Policy Analysis and Research

Advocacy and Activism

Related coursework

Intro to Information Science

Computer Operating Systems

Intro to Networks

MS Windows Server Operating Systems

Intro to Cybersecurity

Cisco 1, Cisco 2, Cisco 3

Intro to Sociology

History of the United States II

Fundamentals of Network Security

Fundamentals of Biology

Other Positions and Experience

English tutor, USLA Connect

Virtually tutored Chinese College students in English

Superintendent's Student Advisory Board, HCPS

Specialized in School Safety. I brought up major safety concerns with HCPS admins. Provided input on upcoming BOE decisions. I worked to develop a new Student Handbook that would be distributed to all HCPS families.

Joppatowne High Student Government Association, Member At Large

4 years of participation. Acted as an HCRASC and MASC coordinator. I assisted new SGA advisors in adjusting to leading the club. Assisted in holding school-wide events, a movie night, and homecoming.