MASC 1st Vice President Personal Statement

Through my journey as a student leader, I have had many experiences that make me a strong candidate for the 1st Vice President position in the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC). I have had experiences at the school, county, and statewide level that have built skills that are essential to the 1st Vice President position. For example, in my roles as a leadership member of the Prince George's County Student Environmental Coalition and the Co-President of my school's class of 2026 council, I have had practice with the recruitment of diverse students, networking on behalf of an organization and revising important documents. Furthermore, my time as a Historian for the Prince George's County Regional Association of Student Governments (PGRASG) and the State Marketing Manager for the Maryland Branch of the Junior Philanthropist Foundation has allowed me to build a background in communications. Recruitment, networking, revising, and communications are the most vital skills in the role of 1st Vice President. Through the positions and opportunities that I have had I have been able to hone these skills which makes me confident that I will be able to deliver on the responsibilities of the 1st Vice President.

A personal motivation for why I am interested in becoming the First Vice President for MASC is to help connect Prince George's County to MASC. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, PGRASG hasn't been involved as much as we could have been when it comes to MASC. We haven't hosted anything in a while, but we are one of the centermost counties, along with being the second most populous. I hope that I, a student from Prince George's County, having an elected position on MASC's executive board will help PGRASG be more involved in MASC in the future.

As the First Vice President of MASC, I will strive to maintain lines of consistent, clear, and efficient communication. I will strive to recruit students from all counties and ensure that we get the best of the best from our state of Maryland in our committees so that they can be as effective as possible. I will strive to always be fair, equitable, respectful, and attentive when it comes to my duties. Moreover, I truly believe that youth voices are a powerful vehicle for important and relevant words and concepts, and invaluable in the ongoing fight for change. I believe that the Maryland Association of Student Councils gives students that platform, and I want to make an impact in this organization by supporting the MASC president, the regional presidents, all Maryland Student Members of the Board of Education, and the divisional liaisons, creating a space where students can use their voice to make a difference.

Mikal Witherspoon

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Summary

Passionate student leader with a history of advocacy at the school, county, and state level who is looking to make a positive impact

Education

Prince George's Community College | Largo, MD Health Sciences | 05/2026 4.00 GPA

Graduating with an Associate's Degree in Health Sciences

Academy of Health Sciences at PGCC | Largo, MD Health Sciences | 05/2026 4.24 Weighted GPA

Member of Social Media Club, Black Student Union, and Green Club

Extracurriculars

Academy of Health Sciences Class of 2026 Co-President | 10/2024 - Present

EcoMoCo - Prince George's County Treasurer | 08/2024 - Present

Junior Philanthropist Foundation - Maryland State Marketing Manager | 08/2024 - Present

Maryland Association of Student Councils Historian | 06/2024 - Present

Prince George's County Board of Education Ad-Hoc Committee for the Implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan Student Member | 04/2024 - Present

Prince George's County Student Environmental Coalition Student Leader | 09/2023 - Present

Prince George's County Regional Association of Student Governments Historian | 08/2023 - Present

Skills

Time management, Communication skills, Leadership, Advocacy, Public Speaking

Certificates

Peer Intervention and Student Mental Health Training, MASC Workshop Presenter Certified