

Goodness Alafe

2026 - 2027 MASC President Candidate



Dear Maryland Students,

When I was a rising freshman, I never imagined how filling out a simple MASC committee application would shape my high school experience. What began as excitement to serve Maryland students on a grassroots level grew into a deep commitment to advocacy, leadership, and community. Through MASC, I've found my voice, a purpose, and a family, and that journey has brought me here. My name is Goodness Alafe, a junior at Eastern Technical High School in Baltimore County, and I am proud to be running to be your 2026-2027 MASC President.



MY PLATFORM

For Students - My why for running is simple: to serve Maryland students. Every step I take is rooted in representing, amplifying, and empowering student voices across all regions, backgrounds, and school communities. I plan to do this by:

- Strengthening student advocacy with the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) by keeping a consistent presence at meetings and events
- Revamping state and national advocacy days to be more transparent and providing resources to counties that don't have a state advocacy day
- Creating stronger feedback loops through Q&A forums and incentivised evaluation so students across Maryland know how to share concerns, ideas, and priorities
- Making intentional choices to uplift students who lack access to leadership spaces

For Progress - MASC has made incredible strides in rebuilding after the pandemic and transitioning into a nonprofit organization without direct MSDE funding. But progress means never settling. To continue moving MASC forward, I will:

- Focus on increasing membership and participation in conferences
- Focus on outreach to underrepresented counties to make sure that MASC is statewide, not just in name, but in participation and impact

For Goodness - MASC wouldn't be MASC without its family, community, and culture of care. Here's how I plan on strengthening that:

- Spotlighting an SGA every month for good work on the bulletin and social media
- Establishing a mentorship for new MASC member schools

Thank you for giving me the opportunity and consideration to lead this amazing organization. Remember, a vote for me is for students, for progress, for Goodness.

With hope,

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