

*Inclusivity, equity, and accessibility.*

That's a future that we need for MASC, and for Maryland. And that's a future that I will push as MASC's First Vice President.

My name is Grace Chi, and my journey in student advocacy began in 8th grade as an intern under Lynne Harris, a former MCPS Board of Education member. There, I witnessed stark educational inequities firsthand: unequal resources, limited opportunities, and barriers to access, even within a single county. Attending MASC events expanded that perspective statewide. As I connected with students from diverse regions during workshops and discussions, I understood the power of unified student voices. But, the same experiences highlighted the need to include *every corner* of Maryland.

That is precisely why I am running for First Vice President: **to ensure no student is excluded from MASC's impact.**

With my platform, **FEAST**, I will ensure *all* students are included within MASC.

**Follow up:** To many, the various leadership conferences that MASC hosts may feel like a whirlwind of educational information. Hence, after every major event (Advance, Convention, Legislative Session, etc.), I will send out a “*What’s next?*” follow-up, including key takeaways and 2-3 suggested actions SGAs can complete to bring leadership and learning back into their communities.

**Engage:** I want to ensure that all Maryland students feel engaged within MASC. Therefore, I plan on celebrating *YOU*. I will create ways of recognition for schools, divisions, and committees to highlight the work that they are doing such as “Project of the Month,” “First-time Delegation Shoutout,” or “Rising Middle School Leader”.

**Amplify:** I will amplify student voices across Maryland by listening to concerns from every division and bringing them to the officer team, so our work reflects what students actually need. This includes spearheading a traveling “Student Voice Cookbook”, a journal that moves from division to division where students write concerns, ideas, and successes, to brief surveys accessible to all students.

**Strong Ties:** As First Vice President, my role encompasses retaining and including students from all corners of Maryland. Therefore, I will directly reach out to historically underrepresented schools and counties, to listen to their perspectives, and to best understand how to cater to their needs. I will actively achieve this through individual meetings with various schools, to directly be involved and assist by comprehending their feedback.

**Transparent:** To prioritize communication, I will commit to working with the social media committee curating monthly updates through social media platforms to inform you. Through these social media posts, I will relay upcoming opportunities to get involved and updates on the advocacy of various divisional liaisons to ensure that information is readily accessible to all.

Lets **FEAST** on leadership together. Vote **Grace** for MASC First Vice President!