

Jessica Ansa

2026 - 2027 MASC TREASURER CANDIDATE

PAYJE (Powerful and Young Justice Empowered)

Co-Founder & Executive Director | Aug 2025 – Present

Founded and led a youth-led civic education organization focused on policy literacy, economic justice, and community engagement. Designed original civic education programming, authored policy explainers, and coordinated youth-led initiatives across digital platforms. Led outreach strategy, organizational planning, and partnership development to expand youth participation in civic discourse.

TurnUp Activism — Remote

Civic Engagement Intern | Apr 2025 – Jul 2025

Researched and produced civic education content supporting national youth voter engagement campaigns. Contributed to digital outreach strategy, participated in national organizing calls, and promoted political literacy through social media and youth-focused advocacy initiatives..

Maryland Civic Education Coalition — Maryland

Student Member | Dec 2025 – Present

Serve on a cross-partisan coalition bringing together students, educators, scholars, and civic leaders to strengthen civic education statewide. Contribute to research, dialogue, and youth-centered policy discussions

Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

Civic Engagement Committee Member | Dec 2025 – Present

Research legislative topics, develop civic education materials, and collaborate with peers to draft testimony and awareness campaigns. Participate in monthly meetings focused on student-led civic action projects.

MPT Media Literacy Youth Advisory Council — Maryland

Youth Advisor | Jan 2026 – Apr 2026

Selected to advise Maryland Public Television on youth media literacy initiatives. Collaborated on projects examining the intersection of media, misinformation, and student life, producing youth-informed recommendations and creative outputs.

Superintendent's Student Advisory Council Student Advisor | Jan 2026 – Present Advise the Superintendent on student perspectives related to education policy, school climate, and equity initiatives across the district. Collaborate with a diverse group of student leaders to analyze proposed policies, elevate student concerns, and develop recommendations that inform district-level decision-making. Participate in structured discussions and feedback sessions to strengthen student voice in educational governance.

Maryland Civic Education Coalition —

Youth Advisory Council | Dec 2025 – Present

Serve on a cross-partisan coalition bringing together students, educators, scholars, and civic leaders to strengthen civic education statewide. Contribute to research, dialogue, and youth-centered policy discussions. Authored and submitted legislative testimony in support of SB 0204.

Prince George's County Young Democrats (PGCYD) | Jan 2026 – Present

Selected member of a civic organization dedicated to developing young leaders through political forums, voter engagement initiatives, and educational programming.

Ladies with Class, Bowie High School

Co-President | Jun 2024 – Present

Lead empowerment programming, service initiatives, and mentorship opportunities for young women. Coordinate planning teams and promote leadership development within the school community.

Spanish Honor Society, Bowie High School

Events Director | Nov 2024 – Present

Organize cultural celebrations and service projects promoting Spanish language and Hispanic heritage. Manage event logistics and collaborate with executive board members.

Class Office, Bowie High School

Communications & Public Relations Chair | 2 years

Serve as liaison between the student body and administration. Coordinate class-wide events, manage communications, and support student government initiatives.

SGA Executive Board, Bowie High School

Current Issues Co-Chair | October 2025 - Present

Serves as Co-Chair of Current Issues, leading discussions on school and community topics, organizing meetings, and collaborating with the SGA Executive Board to develop initiatives that address student concerns and promote civic awareness.

UPchieve Tutor | 2024 – Present

Support adolescents' academic growth by tutoring in multiple subjects through this online platform

EDUCATION - Bowie High School Aug 2023 – Present |GPA: 3.9 (Unweighted) 4.6 (Weighted)|500+ Service Hours