

Saan Rhyne

2026 - 2027 MASC 1st Vice President Candidate

Personal Statement

Hey, MASC!

My name is **Saan Rhyne**, and I am running to be your next **MASC First Vice President**.

I attended my first MASC meeting in 7th grade, which introduced me to the world of student advocacy. Since then, the skills I've learned from being involved in MASC have opened so many doors for me, like testifying in front of state legislators and running county-wide events. I want to make sure **every Maryland student** has that opportunity to attend MASC events and learn valuable skills that can help them succeed. Additionally, I want to ensure student council goes beyond just skill-building, and **produces actual change that benefits all Maryland students**.

If elected as your vice president, I will follow my platform of S.O.A.R. to **improve MASC's impact on every level**, from individual students to the whole state.

Support student councils:

- Facilitate **idea-sharing** by recognizing student councils who excel in fundraising, events, etc
- **Monthly features** on social media, bulletin, website, and other platforms
- Gives students and student councils ideas to **amplify their impact** on their schools

Outreach to get more students involved in MASC:

- Have divisional liaisons reach out to **individual schools** to inform them of MASC
- **Active outreach** as opposed to more passive methods like social media or word-of-mouth
- Organize meetings with school advisors to **present the benefits** of MASC opportunities

Actionable change across the state:

- Work with department directors to ensure every staff position creates **actual change**
- Greater focus on **legislative advocacy** for all positions and making external connections
- Ensure MASC is actively **involved with MSDE** and decisions affecting Maryland students

Re-energize MASC and grow our impact:

- Focus on equipping students with **skills to advocate** for and improve themselves
- Prioritize workshops on **unique topics** which provide information valuable in real-life
- Expand MASC's **committees and open forums** to get the perspective of more students

If elected, I promise to work as hard as I can to expand MASC's impact on students, schools, and Maryland as a whole. Together, we can make MASC SOAR!

Sincerely,
Saan Rhyne

