



Mike Michaelson

Advisor of the Year Award

2026-2027

Description: At the school, regional, and statewide levels, student council advisors work hard to support student council activities. All student council advisors contribute to the success of student council organizations. The MASC Advisor of the Year program was created to recognize advisors' contributions to student council success across Maryland. While the award does single out an individual on the state level, the purpose of the award is to highlight the many contributions made by all student council advisors throughout the state. In 1995, the Maryland Association of Student Councils Executive Board formally named the Advisor of the Year award in honor of Mr. Mike Michaelson, the regional advisor for the Montgomery Co. Region of MASC (MCR), who retired after serving as an advisor for thirty-seven years. He was also an “acting” MASC executive director in 1977-78.

Recent Mike Michaelson Advisor of the Year Recipients

1987-88 Ms. Sandy Metcalfe - Watkins Mill HS, Montgomery Co.
1989-90 Dr. Malcolm Dutterer - Associated Student Congress of Baltimore City
1990-91 Mr. Stephen Barry - Chesapeake Regional Assoc. of Student Councils
1991-92 Mr. Terry Springle - Pocomoke High School, Worcester Co.
1992-93 Mrs. Karen Crawford - Montgomery Co. Junior Councils
1993-94 Mr. Steve Jacobs - Fallstaff Middle School, Baltimore City
1994-95 Ms. Barbara Reed - Dundalk Middle School, Baltimore Co.
1995-96 Ms. Linda Dent-Brown - Charles Co. Assoc. of Student Councils
1997-98 Ms. Kim O’Kane - North Hagerstown HS, Washington Co.
1998-99 Mr. Pete Mahon - La Plata High School, Charles Co.
1999-00 Ms. Barb Fuller - Baltimore Co. Student Councils
2000-01 Ms. Camille McCann - Prince George’s Reg. Assoc. of Student Govt.
2001-02 Mr. Ed Koogle - Washington Co. Association of Student Councils
NOTE: Beginning of the separate Middle School Advisor of the Year Award
2002-03 Ms. Beth Strakonsky - Frederick High School, Frederick Co.
2003-04 Ms. Nora Murray - Liberty High School, Carroll Co.
2004-05 Mr. Doug Brown - South River High School, Anne Arundel Co.
2005-06 Ms. Estelle Sanzenbacher - Carroll Co. Student Gov. Association
2006-07 Mr. Authur Colton - Bowie High School, Prince George’s Co.
2007-08 Ms. Katie Brophy - Chesapeake Regional Assoc. of Student Councils
2008-09 Mr. Richard Moody - Prince George’s Reg. Assoc. of Student Govt.
2009-10 Mr. Mike Bunitsky - Frederick Co. Association of Student Councils
2010-11 Ms. Kristin Mitchell - Howard Co. Association of Student Councils
2011-12 Ms. Toni Kellinger - Richard Montgomery HS, Montgomery Co.
2012-13 Mr. Gary Winsett - Charles Co. Association of Student Councils
2013-14 Mr. Jeremy Brown, Linganore HS, Frederick Co.
2014-15 Ms. Tammy Twigg, Allegany HS, Allegany Co.
2015-16 Mr. Scott Goldstein, Patuxent HS & Regional Advisor, Calvert Co.
2016-17 Ms. Ashley Gallo, Chopticon High School, St. Mary’s Co.
2017-18 Ms. Allison Zane, Hereford High School, Baltimore Co.
Mr. Neville Adams, Parkdale High School, Prince George’s Co.
2018-19 Ms. Michelle Singer, Liberty High School, Carroll Co.
Mr. Jesse Orth, Regional Advisor, Washington Co. Assoc. of Student Councils
2019-20 Lindsay Miller, Long Reach High School, Howard Co. Association of Student Councils
2020-21 No Nominees
2022-23 Ms. Sharon Hoetzlein-Sirman, Huntingtown HS advisor, Calvert Co.
2023-24 Ms. Danielle Carpenter, St. Charles HS, Charles Co.
2024-25 No Nominees
2025-26 Ms. Katie Florida, Oakland Mills High School, Howard Co.

Nomination Process:

1. Each region is eligible to nominate one advisor. Nominees must be from MASC member schools. Previous winners of the award will not be considered.
2. Each region, through its own selection process, selects one advisor to nominate at the state level. **Member schools wishing to nominate their advisor must contact their regional president or regional advisor to be considered in the regional selection process.** *Counties without a regional organization may nominate an advisor directly.*
3. All nominations **must be completed online by 5:00 p.m., March 8, 2027.** This includes uploading all of the required signed documents.
4. The MASC Awards selection committee shall consist of one regional president, one regional advisor, the student member on the State Board of Education, the MASC elected officers, and the MASC Executive Director. Committee substitutions will be made in cases of nominees from a committee member's Co..
5. The selection committee will evaluate nominees based on their support for MASC's mission and the ways in which student activities contribute to overall school climate and success.
6. The recipient will not be notified until the official announcement at the Awards Program during the MASC Convention, March 18–20, 2026. However, individuals connected to the recipient will be confidentially informed in advance so they can make arrangements to attend the Awards Program on the evening of March 19.

ONLINE APPLICATION LINK: <https://forms.gle/DPsifRSKKrUekrhU8>

Nominations must be completed on-line by 5:00 p.m, March 8th, 2027. This includes uploading all of the required signed documents.

Remember, the nomination process MUST go through the region, so be sure to submit your application to the regional president or advisor in enough time to allow the regional selection process to occur. Advisors must be from MASC member school.

Schools that do not have a county-level organization may submit directly to MASC.

The following page provides the information needed to complete the online application. Please note that all materials must be submitted through the Google Form, including the upload of all required signed documents.

Questions? Please email Karen.Crawford@mdstudentcouncils.org

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This information is for “pre-planning” purposes. The application and supporting signed documents must be submitted online.

Nominee Information:

- Name of Nominee
- School* (**must be a current MASC member school*)
- Region
- School Address
- Principal’s Name
- Principal’s Email
- National Student Council member school? (*Advisors from NSC schools are eligible to be the nominee for the High School Maryland National Advisor of the Year Recognition*)

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APPLICATION ONLY.
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only.**

Nominator Information:

- Name of Nominator (can be an activity advisor, principal, or another student leader)
- Title of Nominator
- Email of Nominator

Documentation to be uploaded:

1. Written, signed recommendations are *required* from the following individuals (3 total)
 - The nominator
 - Regional President (in the case that the nominator is the regional president, another regional elected officer should provide a recommendation)
 - Regional Advisor
2. Photo of the nominee. The scanned photo should be scanned at 300 dpi into .jpg or .tiff format. Please do not use photos downloaded from social media sites (Facebook, X, Instagram), as their quality is too low for reuse.

Recommendations should address the following:

- 1.) How the nominee supports the mission of MASC*
- 2.) The involvement of the nominee in student activities (including school, regional, and state activities)
- 3.) What leadership qualities are displayed that enable the nominee to be an effective advisor
- 4.) How the nominee contributes to the student council, school climate, and overall school success

****The MASC mission statement reads as follows:***

The mission of MASC is to foster a statewide environment for all secondary school students to express and exchange opinions and ideas, develop leadership skills, and to promote student representation and involvement in all groups and organizations impacting the lives of students.

Note: Documents other than recommendations will not be considered.

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