# MASC//MAHS

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#### WELCOME MASC/MAHS

Welcome to the Jungle!

As students and advisors you have survived all that a Minnesota winter could throw at you. Multiple snow days, record cold, flooded roads, and now, finally a break. The MAHS/MASC Spring Convention has always marked the end of winter and summer seems to be a possibility. This weekend will be full of exciting campaigns, inspiring speakers, deep discussions, and fun. Best advice from delegates who have attended past events-network!!! Get out of your comfort zone and meet as many new people as possible. You will be surprised at how many individuals you meet at this convention will cross your personal and professional life as the years go by. At the end of the convention, I always finish the same way. I will ask students to stand if they have attended 1-3-5-10-15-20-25 plus council or honor society events during their high school career. If you are just starting your leadership career, look at the number of delegates still standing after the 20-event mark. They understood early in their high school careers the importance of leadership training. They also knew where the fun was. Whether this is your first convention and the end of your high school leadership journey, the MASC and the MAHS want to thank you for being the leader in your school and community. Stop by and introduce yourself. You never know when a connection will help in a college or career recommendation.

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MASC Presidential Candidate

#### **AMANDA KRINKE**



Hi everyone, I'm Amanda Krinke. I'm a junior at Buffalo High School. Since middle school, I have been involved in student leadership. I was voted on to my small school student council as Vice President, and then went on to become President my 8th grade year. In high school, I was elected as the Corresponding Secretary of my council, and was elected President of EMASC that same year. I was re-elected for the EMASC board for the 2019-2020 School Year. When I'm not at Student Council, I can be found in the music department, on stage, or hugging my dog, Indiana Jones. I'm thrilled to be running for MASC President on a platform to modernize the State Board and further promote local student councils, and I hope you enjoy state as much as I do!

MASC Presidential Candidate

#### **ELLIE MELANDER**



Hi I'm Ellie Melander, a Student Senate Leadership Conference 'junkie'. I love everything the conferences have to offer, from new insights on how to initiate changes and propose newfound ideas in my own school, to the countless connections I make. In my school and community, I play tennis and lacrosse, and am the public relations officer of her student senate. My favorite things are making a positive impact on others, helping those same people impact everyone around them, and learning something from everyone I meet. I wish to utilize my uplifting positivity and eagerness to represent MASC as President this year.

MASC Presidential Candidate

## **LILY GUILLEMETTE**



Hi! My name is Lily Guillemette. I'm a junior from Red Lake County Central High School, the vice president of my school's council, a former board representative of the Northwest Division, and a youth advisor for Minnesota Farmers Union. I am involved in studetn council, knowledge bowl, speech, Minnesota Honors Society, and Envirothon. I am also a TRiO intern and the manager of the boys' basketball team. When I'm not working on school, I enjoy keeping up with politics and spending my time outdoors, I also enjoy reading, writing, meditating, and watching movies. I believe that my driven nature, optimism, and expansive history of leadership qualifies me to be your next State Student Council President.

MASC Presidential Candidate

#### **ELLIE TIBODEAU-LISSICK**



My name is Ellie Tibodeau-Lissick. I am from East Bethel, attend St. Francis High School and I'm in 11th grade. Currently, I serve as Vice President of Student Council at SFHS, I am the School Board Student Representative, and recently participated in the Minnesota House of Representatives Page Program. I am involved in soccer, track, NHS, show choir and work at Menards. I am running for President because I want to empower students across our state to be actively involved in their schools and communities. Now is the time for students to influence government and help to facilitate positive change.

MASC Vice-Presidential Candidate

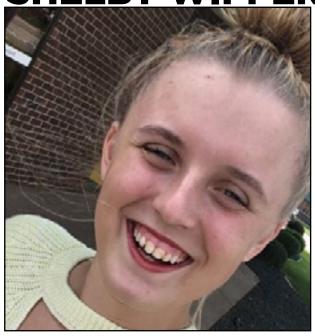
## **BRADEN BOURLAND**



Hello, my name is Braden Bourland and I am running for 2019-2020 MASC Vice President! I am a sophomore at Wayzata High School and serve as the sophomore representative on our Executive Student Council Board. I served as the Chair of Decorations for the 2018 National Student Council Conference that was held at Wayzata this past summer, and I was the state guide to Texas. I am involved in both choir and theatre at my school. I recently played the role of Amos Hart in Chicago, and am a part of the MN State ACDA 9-10 honor choir! I serve as a leader and teacher in my church's Youth Ministry. Thanks so much for your vote and I can't wait to talk to you all at the 2019 MASC State Conference!

#### MASC Vice-Presidential Candidate

#### **SHELBY WIPPER**



My name is Shelby Wipper. I am a junior at Monticello High School. I have been a part of our school's student council for 2 years, I have helped with homecoming, fundraising, and making decisions that benefit Monticello. I hope to join the MASC in order to learn more skills that'll help improve my community for residents and students. The position I hope to get is Vice-President for the MASC. Even though Monticello has only started being involved with the conferences, I feel that we have a lot of heart and drive to learn more in order to improve.

MASC Vice-Presidential Candidate

## **NOAH HACKETT**



Hello MASC, my name is Noah Hackett and I am running for MASC Vice President. I currently attend Sauk Rapids-Rice High School and am involved in various clubs in my school. In my free time, I enjoy listening to music, hanging out with my friends, and volunteering in my community. MASC is already great, but I believe we can make it even better by having even more involvement in our state service project, promoting the involvement of individual councils on a community level, and improving communication to increase attendence among schools at our division and state conferences. I'm excited to meet all you at this year's state convention and hope to work with you for another successful year.

MASC Vice-Presidential Candidate

#### **CONNOR PROK**



Hello, my name is Connor Prok and I am a junior at Mound Westonka High School (Go Whitehawks!). I am involved in a number of activities at my school including Student Senate, Band Council, National Honor Society, Link Crew, Basketball, and Track and Field. Last year I attended my first MASC conference and was very impressed to see the positive influence Senate and Council members can make on both a school and a society's culture. This year I am excited to be running for Vice President of MASC to help continue to build this culture, lead, and inspire others.

#### MASC Secretarial Candidate

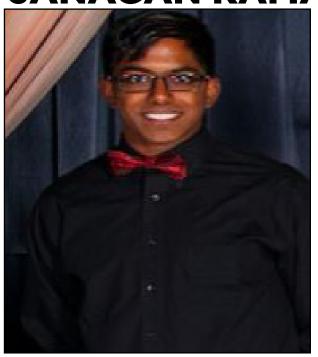
#### ABIGAIL ZAVADIL



My name is Abby Zavadil. I am currently a Junior at White Bear Lake High School. In my spare time I enjoy hammocking in the woods with a Patagonia and pair of Chacos. I play lacrosse and run cross country. During the week, I am involved in Chemistry Club, FCA, and Eagle Brook Church Student Ministries. On Sundays I pursue my dream of becoming a surgeon by volunteering at a local hospital. I am very passionate about Student Council and have been a member since fourth grade. I believe in the power and potential of student government and would love the opportunity to represent students across Minnesota.

MAHS Presidential Candidate

#### JANAGAN RAMANATHAN



Hello! I am Janagan Ramanathan, and I am a junior at Sartell High School. I am a member of my school's soccer, Math League, and Knowledge Bowl teams (the last of which we won state for in 2018), and also Student Council and Honor Society. I have served on the state board as Region IV Student Chair: essentially, I am responsible for assisting the state executive committees of the upper Midwest. In my free time, I love reading Tom Clancy novels, watching Barcelona, Dortmund, or Man City play soccer, nerding out about Marvel movies, and hanging out with the bros.

MAHS Presidential Candidate

#### **MEGHAN CHOUANARD**



Hi everyone, I'm Meghan Chouanard, a junior at Orono High School. I am an active senate and NHS member and have attended many conferences since freshman year, including Nationals last summer. I am currently Orono's Junior Link Crew Coordinator and co-head of the Student Input Committee. This past summer I represented Orono at the HOBY Leadership Conference. Outside of school, I enjoy volunteer mentoring through Interfaith Outreach Community Partners and working with residents at a local nursing home. I am on the Youth Advisory Board for MoveFwd—an organization serving youth experiencing homelessness. I also enjoy running, yoga, and traveling with family.

MAHS Secretarial Candidate

#### **CHARLES SCHUMER**



Hello, my name is Charlie Schumer and I am a junior from Irondale High School. In my free time I participate in many clubs such as speech team, math team, tennis team, and DECA. My favorite activity is Youth In Government and I will likely pursue a career in politics. I enjoy constantly challenging myself with rigorous classes. Please come say hello if you see me; I love making new friends! The state convention is an amazing opportunity to meet leaders from all across the state, so make sure you take advantage of all these amazing opportunities this weekend.

# 2018-19 State Board Farewell

Well everybody, the time has finally come. For most of us on the Executive Board, it's our last spring convention. It has been quite a whirlwind over the past year planning down in Owatonna, attending the division meetings, and supporting Special Olympics in all of our schools! We are all so grateful and thankful to have served as your representatives this 2018-2019 year and are so excited for the future of this organization. Back in October we hosted the Region IV Conference with the executive boards of Wyoming, Wisconsin, the Dakota's, and Michigan. We learned a lot from these other boards, and are implementing many new things for this convention, be prepared! We love you all very much, and can't wait for this fantastic weekend!!

# State Conference Welcome

Welcome to the 2019 State Student Council and Honor Society convention! We are beyond thrilled to see all of you here! This weekend is about sharing ideas to improve our schools and growing as leaders, but it is also a jungle adventure. In the spirit of adventure try to break out of your shell. This is the time to meet unique, engaging individuals and expand your horizons. We are incredibly thankful you made the trip down, up, or over to our schools and hope that you can learn as much here as we have.

# 2019 Summer Leadership Forum

The Summer Leadership Academy will be back this summer. After taking a year off to focus on the national convention held at Wayzata High School, the Academy is BACK! We will return to Sauk Rapids/Rice High School on August 4/5-Sunday and Monday. Registration starts a noon and the Academy runs through the day at the school and moves to the St. Cloud Holiday Inn for evening activities-volleyball, swimming, and a dance. The Academy finishes on Monday morning with breakfast and a closing session. The cost is only \$40 plus your room at the hotel. This is a great way to start your council or chapter's school year. Dr. Robbyn Wacker, President of St. Cloud State University will open the conference. Nick Ingles, Prior Lake advisor and speech coach, will tell his inspirational story. Of course, there will be plenty of time to share ideas and socialize. The registration forms will be online at masc-mahs.org and they are due by June 7th. Take 24 hours out of your summer and join your fellow leaders at Sauk Rapids -Rice.