

# Candidates

MASC/MAHS 2020-21

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## **BRADEN BOURLAND**

MASC President Candidate

Hi Everyone! My name is Braden Bourland and I am running to be your 2020-2021 MASC President! I am currently a senior at Wayzata High School and this past year i served as your MASC Vice President and absolutely loved my experience serving each and every one of you and i hope to do it again! Outside of MASC I am apart of my schools council where i currently serve as Student Body President and have served on our executive board for the past 4 years, i also served as the chair of decorations for the 2018 National Student Council Conference. I also participate in choir where I am our Concert Choir President and i am also a member of our drama board and active member in our theatre community. This year i hope to bring an increased amount of knowledge and normalcy to MASC as we guide ourselves through this crazy world. I hope to see and meet each and every one of you and i would greatly appreciate your vote!



## **KOBE KNETTEL**

*MASC President Candidate*

Kobe has been involved in many activities at Sauk Rapids-Rice High School and has maintained good grades, while at the same time challenging himself through his course work. Besides being Sauk Rapids Student Council President and Central Division Co-President, he is also involved in swimming, lacrosse, and DECA. As a first generation college student he is enrolled in Upward Bound, a college readiness program offered at Sauk Rapids. In his spare time, Kobe loves to volunteer at a local non-profit organization, Kids Fighting Hunger, and also sits on their executive board as Student Representative. He enjoys watching/making Tik Toks and binging Netflix documentaries. The health of council members across the state is number one, and creating a safe space in which we can maintain our mental and physical health is crucial in Kobe's role as state president. He wishes to promote racial equality at a state level and ensure everyone's voices are heard. He understands the struggles of our overall climate and how tough it can be for some, because after all, he is living through it. Kobe hopes to have an awesome time, as the 2020-2021 MASC president and looks forward to coordinating with people across the state and country!!



# SALMA CAAMIR

*MASC President Candidate*



After serving as a regional officer in the southeastern division, Salma Caamir is looking to expand her student government service and outreach to a whole new level as MASC president. Salma has a strong leadership background, holding a student council leadership position all through high school, and plans to use that to take MASC further than its ever gone. As a black, Muslim woman, she also aims to offer her fresh, diverse outlook to make sure the voices of marginalized MASC members are heard. Outside of student council, Salma is a vocal community member on the school, district, and city level, as well as being the two-year captain on her school's speech team among various other activities.

# HADLEY STEPHENSON

*MASC Vice President Candidate*

Hello all! I am Hadley Stephenson, thrice a member of Orono High School's Student Senate—yes, we call it Senate, not Stuco—and looking to become your next MASC Vice President! Other than Soccer, Hockey, and Golf, I am involved in DECA, Unified Sports, National Honor Society, Chinese Club, and charitable organizations Letters of Love and MoveFWD. My guilty pleasures include Burt's Bees Mango Chapstick and rewatching season 3 of the Office. Also, I'm still looking for someone that owns more infomercial products than me, so maybe you could be the one. Can't wait to meet all of you wonderful people at our next conference!



# REEGAN LINDHOLM

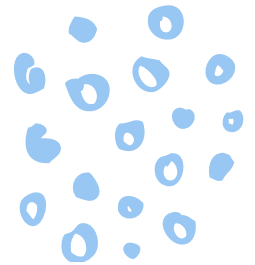
*MASC Secretary Candidate*

Reegan Lindholm is a hard worker that is committed to seeing Student Councils thrive around the state. As the secretary, she intends to work with the entire executive board to increase membership and participation at regional and state levels. It would be her intention to attend various council events to obtain a better idea of what is happening around our state. She has been a member of student council since 6th grade. Her dedication to the success of the state leadership, regional leadership, and local councils would be an asset to the organization.



# ZAYDA THALACKER

*MASC Secretary Candidate*



Hello fellow student council representative! I'm Zayda Thalacker, currently a junior at this school, Sartell High School, and I'm running to be your MASC secretary! I get happiness out of many things, including lavender essential oil, yoga, music, and British Netflix comedies, but most importantly, people. This is my third year in student council, of attending the state convention, and of attending the national convention (the best part of my summer!) I also participate in my school's concert choir, the Youth Chorale of Central Minnesota, and my school's speech team. I want to be your MASC secretary because I truly love this organization and want to do everything I can to make it the best! Those of you who know me know how much my fellow stud co kids mean to me, so I hope we get the chance to meet this weekend! Enjoy this convention and be sure to make the most of it! :)

# DEBORAH UFEARO

*MAHS President Candidate*



Deborah is an avid member of many groups inside and outside of her school. As a member of Sartell High School's Student Council for four years, she knows that in order to see change in our community, we have to be the ones to ignite it. For that reason Deborah has decided to co-head a club at her school centered around what we, as students, can do to combat climate change. She is also lucky enough to hold the seat of President of her school's National Honors Society where she plans on making a difference in her community through speaking out against racial injustice and making positive change.

# ELLA NORDLIE

*MAHS President Candidate*

Ella is a rising senior at Orono High School running to be your 2020 MAHS President. Apart from being a member of the National Honor Society, Ella is also involved in Youth in Government, Student Senate, Youth in Action Volunteering Club, Unified, Track & Field, and Cross Country. Outside of school, she loves being active physically, while also being involved in her community through volunteerism. Ella is very driven and motivated, which helps her face any challenge or obstacle that comes her way.



# SYDNEY RHODES

*MAHS Secretary Candidate*



Hi, my name is Sydney Rhodes and I am running for Secretary on the State Board. This upcoming year I will be a Junior at Buffalo High School, and will be serving my fifth year in Student Council. Being a part of the State Council would be a great opportunity to share my leadership qualities and unite the Councils across Minnesota. I believe I am a great fit for Secretary because I am a detail-oriented person who loves to plan, and take notes. I would love to collaborate with others, bring new ideas, and my enthusiasm for serving others to the state board.

