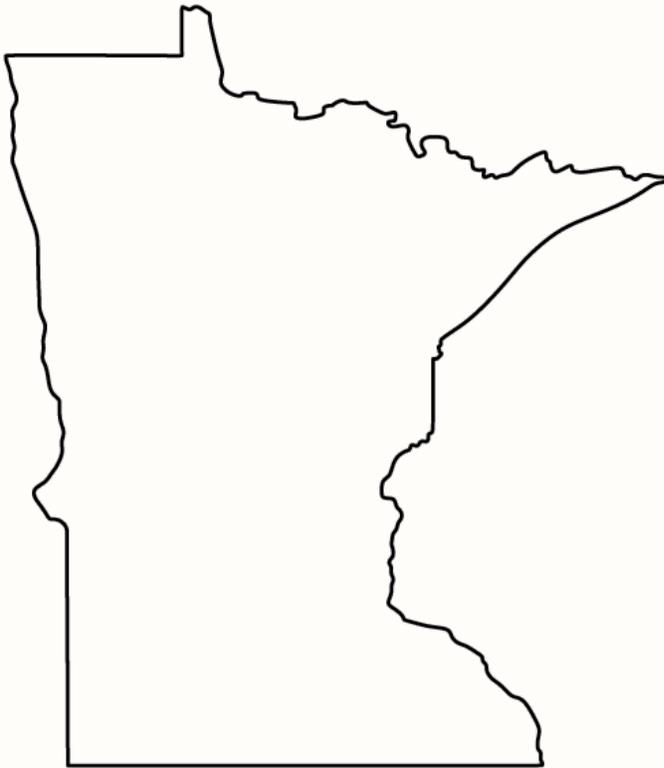

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HELLO!

This is your 2021 MAHS & MASC Vice Presidents Ella Nordlie and Hadley Stephenson! We have lots of exciting news to share about what the current Exec. Board has been working on and other events that are currently happening around the state, so read below to get the scoop. Also, make sure to follow us [@masc_mahsmn](#) on Instagram for more updates, and stay tuned for future newsletters to come :)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

I consider this a “boutique” convention. A boutique hotel is a special, small hotel that caters to the very best clientele. Your dedication to continuing the tradition of state conventions qualifies you as the “very best clientele.” Hopefully, the event will be the catalyst that will return us back to the excitement of in person leadership experiences. Sartell High School has done an outstanding job in preparing for us to have a memorable and safe convention. When they selected “Leadership is the Game of Life” as the theme for the conference in 2020, the Sartell student council and honor society could not have known what “life” would look like. They did what all great leaders do—they persevered. After a one year delay, we all get to hear keynotes, listen to candidates, exchange ideas, have meaningful discussions, meet new and old friends, and enjoy a live experience. I want to thank every student and staff member from Sartell who made this event possible. Your executive committee helped guide the Sartell convention coordinators in their decisions. My two state advisors, Jerome Johannes and Karrie Fredrickson, offered support and suggestions through the planning process. Finally, I want to thank the Army ROTC and the St. John’s ROTC for their support of student leadership.

This convention is just the beginning. In late July we will have the Summer Leadership Academy hosted by Sauk Rapids-Rice High School. On Halloween, the immensely popular Leadership Forum will be returning to Cragun’s Resort. And next spring, St. Cloud Tech will host the 2021-2022 state convention.

Doug

WELCOME FROM SARTELL

Sartell Student Council can’t wait to host the 2021 convention! We want to extend the warmest welcome to everyone who will be attending in person and virtually! As stated in the last newsletter update, we have a jam packed 12 hour day filled with networking opportunities, a general session with Ted Wiese, a game show, and, of course, idea sharing. We want everyone to know we will have sanitization available all throughout the building and have planned activities along with food that are covid friendly! Our council is here to make your state experience memorable and one you will want to recreate the next year. We have been working hard to ensure everything that makes state so awesome is incorporated into our schedule. It is such an honor to host and greet everyone into our new high school. All we want is for you to come and enjoy yourself for a day while being surrounded by great leadership. If you need anything throughout the day, our council workers will have specific shirts so you can easily find help when you need it and designated technology workers to help those online. Despite everything that has been going on the past year, we are so grateful to have this opportunity to share ideas and have tons of fun. We hope all who are coming are as ready as we are to have a wonderful convention on the 18th!

WESTERN DIVISION SPOTLIGHT

The Western Division schools have done a great job of doing what they can with the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has created. Adjusting to safety protocols of wearing masks, social distancing, and sanitizing made it hard to plan our traditional Student Council events and activities however, by getting creative and thinking outside the box we have been able to put together fun activities to keep students engaged and connected. One way schools have been more creative this winter season is by putting up decorations and signs in their gyms to support their athletes. This has helped the atmosphere and morale to know that athletes are supported by their schools and to make up for fewer spectators in the stands.

Many Western Division schools have become more active on their social media offering polls, announcements, and helpful tips as well as using social media platforms to host online events like trivia and daily challenges. As the division president, I could not be happier to see each school trying their best. Now that restrictions are slowly being dialed back and most schools in the Western Division are in an in-person learning model we are able to host more events. My student council at Frazee High School was able to put on a Spring Fling Week which included dress-up days, coronation, a pepfest, lunchtime bingo, and a corn hole tournament...it is finally starting to almost feel normal!

The Western Division is also super excited to announce that we will be hosting a virtual meeting before the State Convention so schools in our division can all come together and connect as leaders. Looking forward to seeing everyone State!



DANI PICHE
Western Division
President

MEET THE 2021 STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES

MASC PRESIDENT

My name is Noah Rosenberger and I am a Junior at Sauk Rapids-Rice High School. At my school I am involved in the Culinary team, Speech team, Concert choir, Drama program, and Link Leaders. Our school has been in three learning models this year and we are currently all in and all in person. I think that Covid has posed many challenges across our state but we have also learned to be out-of-the-box thinkers. That is the one trait that I will bring to the board. As your president, I will find creative ways to connect with the councils in and around the state of MN. Without a doubt, we need to become stronger than ever to make sure that we are supporting all of the different schools. I am so excited that we are able to have an in-person conference and I look forward to meeting you in Sartell! You can bet your 'Bucks I will work hard as your MASC President. Life is Rosey with Rosenberger!



NOAH ROSENBERGER



ALEXA MACK

Hi everybody! My name's Alexa Mack. I'm currently a junior at Monticello High School. Monticello is a small town, but that hasn't stopped me from wanting to make a difference! I joined student council my freshman year and loved the leadership opportunities it has given me. I'm very passionate about helping people and enjoy advocating for classmates. Last year, I took on the role of Eastern Division President, which was an experience that I'm so grateful for! This year, I want to make an even bigger impact, so I'm running for State President. I'm ready to be your voice and help make some positive changes!

MASC VICE PRESIDENT

Hi! My name is Jack Ross, and I am the Junior class President of StuCo at Wayzata High School! I've been in StuCo for 9 years and on the exec board at WHS since freshman year. Outside of StuCo, I am a board member of Club YES, our school's volunteering program, and I've played baseball all my life. I am running for MASC Vice-President in order to expand my role in improving the community around me, and I know I have the experience and passion to be a great candidate for this role. I'm super excited to meet you all!



JACK ROSS



KATE MCGRANN

Kate is a rising Senior at Orono High School and is running to be a part of the MASC 2021-2022 executive board. Along with being apart of Student Senate, Kate is also part of National Honors Society, Unified, Letters of Love, and the Tennis and Lacrosse team. Kate has been on the Orono Senate Executive board the past two years and is Junior Prom Chair this year. Kate loves spending time outside, volunteering, baking, and playing with her dog. She is an active leader, loves meeting new people, and is very passionate about everything she does.

Hallie Dierbeck is a Junior at Mound Westonka High School. While serving three years on MWHS Student Senate, being a part of the executive board, and combating several committees, she decided she was ready to run for MASC Vice President. Hallie has been in attendance at several Division Meetings and MASC Conventions. She also is the current secretary for the Hennepin Division. Apart from Student Senate, Hallie has leadership experience in NHS, DECA, FCA, Choir, and Dance Team. In her free time she enjoys binging New Girl, attempting pasta recipes, and making Spotify playlists! Hallie is looking forward to meeting everyone at the next state convention!



HALLIE DIERBECK

MASC SECRETARY



REEGAN LINDHOLM

Hello all! I am Reegan Lindholm, from Owatonna High School, and I am running to be your MASC Secretary. Right now, I am a member at large for the State Board and next year will be on the South East Division executive board as their General Secretary! I am involved with Cross Country, Girls United Club, and am a manager for Girls Hockey and Boys Track. As your MASC Secretary I am excited to help coordinate State level conferences like Summer Leadership, Fall Leadership at Cragun's and the State Conference. I want to be your MASC secretary because I have a very strong passion for Student Council and want to do everything that I can to make it the best! Those of you who know me know how much my fellow stud co members mean to me and I hope I get the chance to connect with many of you during this conference!

My name is Harley Kropuenske and I am a junior at Frazee High School, located in the Western Division. I am an active member of my council and I am passionate about everything student council stands for and the opportunities student council has to be a voice in our community and school system. I strive to uphold my council's constitution and still be able to find new ways to help the community. If elected to the executive board, I believe I would be able to bring a different perspective and experiences coming from a smaller council in a rural community.



HARLEY KROPUENSKE

MAHS PRESIDENT

Jennifer Nguyen is currently a junior at Orono High School and is a devoted member of every group she partakes in. As a member of National Honor Society, a leader of Youth in Action, and the Junior Class President in Senate (aka Orono's Student Council), she understands the magnitude of leadership as it relates to emphasizing a school-wide community. These groups have given her the opportunity to communicate and diversify the language at school. Jennifer has the tenacity that speaks for her desire to hear her peers' concerns and empower voices that are not able to do so.



JENNIFER NGUYEN

My mission is to cultivate an environment of equity, inclusion, collaboration, safety, and progress to the Minnesota Honor Society. I will do this by improving communication and sharing between local organizations, and by encouraging collaboration between schools to better serve the areas around them. In my doing this, I seek to form a more cohesive unit of an Honor Society, rather than a collection of individual schools. By establishing a network of nearby schools, and communicating effectively between them, I believe that we can do more good for our communities than any one school could alone. We are stronger together.



ANTHONY BERNDT

Hi everyone!! My name is Sydney Rhodes and I am running to be your MAHS president! I'm currently a junior at Buffalo High School and serve as your MAHS Secretary. At my high school, I am a part of Student Council, NHS, Yearbook, Mock Trial, Band, and am the student representative for our school board. Above all, I love people and working with others. As President I would make it my goal to not only unite schools across the state, but also strive to make meaningful connections with like-minded leaders. I plan on increasing communication between the state board and each division, as well as increasing our social media presence to broadcast more volunteer opportunities and ultimately get others as involved as possible. MASC and MAHS mean so much to me and I would be honored to serve another year! Can't wait to see y'all at State!!



SYDNEY RHODES

MAHS PRESIDENT (CONT.)

Caleb Abernethy is a rising senior at Mound Westonka High School who's excited to run for MAHS President. He enjoys being secretary for MWHS' Student Senate and is an active member of the National Honor Society. When he is not playing high school soccer, volleyball, or running track, he can be found being a leader in DECA and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He also loves singing in his high school choir and jazz group. Caleb is a hard worker and shows dedication in all he does. He looks forward to being a voice of hope this upcoming school year.



CALEB ABERNETHY

MAHS SECRETARY

Hello! My name is Grace Paggen and I am currently a junior at Farmington High School. Due to my passion for working with others, I am a member of both National Honor Society and Student Council. I am an executive board member on our Student Council, and I help organize, plan, and run all events we host. I am also a member of FHS's speech team, debate team, volunteer organization, and one of two students on the district school board. I'm involved in several other clubs, as well as our Capital Division board for Student Council. As the Delegate-At-Large of Capital Division, I work with a team to bring our division of Student Councils together. I would like to be a part of MAHS because I want to connect with more National Honor Societies, and be a voice for students inside and outside of Farmington. I would be a great addition to the MAHS board because I am dedicated to being a professional and engaged leader, and I will connect and advocate for all Minnesota students.



GRACE PAGGEN

MORE INFO

Wanna be featured on a division spotlight page in an upcoming newsletter??

Email us at **mascmahsocialmedia@gmail.com** with some information about your division!

Have you been keeping up to date with our real-time Instagram posts?

If not, follow us **@masc_mahsmn** to see what the Exec. Board and other divisions and councils around the state have been up to!

We look forward to seeing as many of you as we can at the State Convention at Sartell High School in April!

- Your Vice Presidents