

# MASC // MAHS

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## WELCOME 2018-2019 MASC/MAHS MEMBERS

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Hey guys! Welcome to the first ever publication of the 2018/19 MASC MAHS Newsletter! We are your elected Vice Presidents Jack Leipholtz and Andy Nelson. This newsletter is going to help you out with communicating with Minnesota on topics such as the state service product, yearly convention, and lots more. We are super excited to be writing for you all, and can't wait to see you throughout the year.

Sincerely, Your Vice Presidents,  
*Jack Leipholtz & Andy Nelson*

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## MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

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## 2018 STATE CONVENTION

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Wow was state a blast! It was almost... wait for it, out of this world!! Hosted by ACGC last spring, the convention was full of round tables, dances, and leadership.

# 2018-2019 Executive Board Members

At the 2018 State Convention, participants at the convention voted for the upcoming MAHS/MASC Executive Board. This is made up of a President, Vice President, and Secretary for both MAHS/MASC. Along with these members that convention goers elected, there are Medford and Owatonna students who are our 2019 State Convention coordinators.

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## MASC President



### Journey Anderst

Hey guys and gals! I am Journey Anderst and this year I am your MASC president! I attend Medford high school as a senior. Within high school along with stud. co. I am a part of volleyball, coaching basketball, speech, one act, choir, yearbook, and fast pitch. When I'm not spending time doing my extra-curriculars I keep myself busy by working at Famous Daves, babysitting the most adorable niece and nephew on the planet, napping, and most importantly snacking on pickles! I cannot wait to kick off an outstanding year with you all! Let's make this one a good one MASC!

# MAHS President



## Jordan Case

Hey guys! My name is Jordan Case, and I am honored to serve as President of the Minnesota Association of Honor Societies for this school year. I am a senior at Orono High School. At Orono, I participate in various athletic, academic, and community-centered activities. These include basketball, softball, student council, DECA, our school Unified club, and, of course, National Honor Society! In the future, I am planning to study biology or biochemistry, leading me to medical school. If we have anything in common, don't be afraid to introduce yourself at any time. I look forward to working alongside the MAHS and MASC executive board and to meeting new people! We have an unforgettable year planned, and can't wait to share it with you all. If you have any questions concerning MAHS, or about myself, feel free to reach out!

# MASC Vice President



## Jack Leipholtz

Hello everyone! My name is Jack Leipholtz, and I am the MASC vice president. I am a junior at Buffalo High School. I am involved in soccer, track & field, student council, yearbook, and photo club. Outside of school I enjoy mountain biking, hiking, traveling, photography, hanging out with my friends, and playing with my dogs. I am super excited for the things that we have planned for you all, and I look forward to seeing you all at various conferences this year.

# MAHS Vice President



## Andy Nelson

Hello! My name is Andy Nelson, and I am a senior at Wayzata High School. I'm absolutely stoked to serve as the MAHS Vice President this year. When I'm not volunteering, you'll probably find me rehearsing at the musical, singing in choir, working hard at student council, playing the piano, or planning events for National Honors Society. I'm also very connected with Link Crew, Drama Club, and Chamber Singers! Outside of school I take care of my Bonsai tree in a circadian fashion, transcend my mind with music, and binge Netflix if time allows. As life moves on, I plan on studying some combination of history and language with the hopes of one day being a lawyer. I can't wait to kick off a great year with you all and please reach out if you have any questions or interest with what MAHS does!

# MASC Secretary



## Charlotte Huntington

Hello MASC! My name is Charlotte Huntington and I am serving as MASC Secretary. I am a Senior at Prior Lake High School and part of Capital Division (go mighty capital). I have a passion for student council and Minnesota that is hard to put into words. Outside of student council I am involved in hockey, golf, prom committee, school board, and my personal favorite, student council. I constantly like to try new hobbies like: crocheting, tennis, playing the ukulele, reading, hiking, yoga, and much more. I am extremely thankful to represent MASC and cannot wait to connect with so many stud co passionate people throughout this year!

# MAHS Secretary



## Camden Patterson

Hi! I'm Camden Patterson. I am excited to serve as your MAHS secretary this year! I am currently a senior at Sauk Rapids-Rice. At SRRHS I am involved various clubs and activities, including Minnesota Honor Society and Stud Co. Outside of school I enjoy hanging out with friends, cheering on Storm activities, volunteering at my church, and spending time with my family. I also spend time working at Michaels (the craft store), and at the activities office in my school. Some of my favorites are, the color maroon, New Girl, and Latin pop. I am not sure what my future holds, but am interested in possibly becoming a teacher or social worker. I am pumped for the year to come, including meeting you all at various conventions and of course, state!! If you have any suggestions/ideas or just want to talk, feel free to email me, [2019pattecam@isd47.org](mailto:2019pattecam@isd47.org).

# Convention Coordiantor



## Jenna Berg

Hello everyone! My name is Jenna Berg and I am a sophomore at Medford High School. I am a co-coordinator for this year's MASC/MAHS State Convention. Student council has always been apart of my life, it all started when I joined in Elementary and i've been in it since then. As of this year I am a representative for my grade, in my student council. I am also involved in volleyball, basketball, track and the Big Brother Big Sisters program. Outside of school I enjoy listening to music, traveling, and hanging out with family and friends. I'm overwhelmingly excited for the State Convention and I hope to see you all there!

## Convention Coordiantor



**David Keller**

Hello! My name is David Keller and I am a senior at Owatonna High School. I am involved in soccer, football, NHS, DECA, choir, band, and of course student council. I am so exciting to be a member of this year's exec board and even more exciting to host state in April! See you all there!

## Convention Coordiantor



**Lauren Arthur**

Hello! I am Lauren Arthur, one of the Convention Co-Coordinators from Owatonna. Outside of student council I spend most of my time playing Lacrosse, hanging out with animals and sewing. I hope you all are able to come to the state convention and have a blast with us!

# Convention Coordinator



## Meredith Gillis

Hi everyone! My name is Meredith Gillis, I'm a senior at Medford High School and I am a co-coordinator for this year's MASC/MAHS State Convention. I have been in student council since middle school and am now serving as my council's President. Within my school I'm also involved in National Honors Society and volleyball. Outside of school I enjoy watching movies, playing the piano, and spending time with friends. I'm very excited to help plan an awesome convention for you all!

# Region IV Representative



## Janagan Ramanathan

Hi everyone! My name is Janagan Ramanathan, and I am a junior at Sartell High School in central Minnesota. My family consists of my parents and one older sibling, who is at college. At school, I am a member of the Sartell soccer team, Sartell Knowledge Bowl team, NHS, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and of course Student Council. In my free time, I like to follow professional soccer, hang out with my friends, watch movies, play disc golf or ultimate frisbee (I am bad at both), and read Tom Clancy novels. I hope to make this MASC/MAHS year an epic one for you all, and I hope I have the chance to meet as many of you as possible. If you wish to reach out to me with questions about Region IV or other issues, or simply just to talk about life and lament Croatia's loss four months after it happened, feel free to. See you all soon!

# National Convention

Nationals: The 2018 National Student Council Convention was held at Minnesota's very own Wayzata High School. The pre-trip consisted of a dinner cruise on Lake Minnetonka, a trip to the Mall of America, a day at the Wayzata art fair, and a dance at Orono High School. Almost every member of the 2018-19 MAHS MASC executive board was able to attend the conference.

"The one of the coolest part about Nationals for me was the cheers and spirit and energy of Nationals. Meeting all these new people who were super excited and ready to go was absolutely amazing; you don't get that anywhere else." - Janagan Ramanathan, Region IV Representative.

"I can't wait to continue to see the friends I met at nationals. I was lucky enough to work with and meet some of the coolest people in the Minnesota delegation and from other states. If anyone has the opportunity to attend the national student council conference in the future, don't miss it. Also, let's not forget the electric dance at Orono." -Jordan Case

(Feel free to cut/use as you please) Having Wayzata host for the National Convention was certainly a huge burden on the shoulders of us at Wayzata, but it was a burden well worth carrying. I was fortunate enough to actually be the state guide for Minnesota, and I must say I was so impressed at the individuality, respect, and leadership our whole delegation held during the conference. Watching the relationships formed between other states, within Minnesota schools, and with Wayzata, it was super cool to see you all in my canoe! In all seriousness, the national conference was life-changing, impactful, and now holds my favorite chalky mint colored t-shirt. -Andy your VP and state guide!



# 2018 Fall Leadership Forum

The 2018 Fall Leadership Forum will be held at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, for the third year in a row. Be prepared for an awesome array of speakers, presenters, and break out sessions. Registration information is on the MASC-MAHS website. For any questions contact Doug Erickson at [derickson@orono.k12.mn.us](mailto:derickson@orono.k12.mn.us).

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## State Service Project

This year we are incredibly excited to reveal Special Olympics Minnesota (SOMN) as our State Service Project! This organization, promoting the inclusion of students with and without disabilities throughout all communities, has personally touched some of our school districts and we hope to spread its impact. By fundraising for Special Olympics Minnesota, your schools will be supporting the inclusion revolution. We encourage your students councils and honor societies to fundraise for this cause throughout the 2018-2019 school year.

Besides fundraising, there are multiple ways your schools can get involved. We will be sharing volunteer opportunities for students at Special Olympics programs and events. Groups at your school can also sign up to participate in SOMN fundraisers, such as the Polar Plunge and Unified Dance Marathon. Lastly, if your school is not a Unified School and would like to become one, or you don't know what that is, feel free to contact me at [jcase19@orono.k12.mn.us](mailto:jcase19@orono.k12.mn.us). The entire MASC-MAHS executive committee looks forward to partnering with your schools to promote unity!



***Special Olympics***  
*Minnesota*

# Note from Doug

First newsletter of the Year!

That probably means Homecoming is over and you are moving on to the next project and event. Take time to evaluate, record your impressions, and pass them onto the 2019-2020 council and chapter. Your leadership only gets better by looking backward and moving forward. Looking forward! The Fall Forum will be held at last year's popular destination-Cragun's Resort on November 4/5. The evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. Delegates loved the fireplaces, the pool, the dance, and most importantly, the actual conference. Read the schedule carefully. The executive committee, based on last years input from you, has moved registration up to 3 pm. Dinner (in Plainview, my home town, it was supper) will be included in your registration on Sunday night. Breakfast will be included on Monday morning and the conference will end before lunch. Many delegates and advisors had to leave before lunch last year so we made the schedule adjustment. Our workshop presenter this year is Kyle Willcom. Check out his website [kylewillcom.com](http://kylewillcom.com). He is an amazing speaker and workshop presenter. You may have noticed twitter has become a huge political factor. We are bringing in a social media safety expert, Kent Mollberg, to give you some direction in your social media use. I have had many former students come back and tell me how potential employers scoured their sites. You have heard the warning that nothing every completely disappears from the net. It is true. Kent will give us the most up to date information on this issue. Of course there will be a dance on Sunday night. For those of you that attended nationals, you will remember the success of the karaoke experience. We will be bringing that back. The large indoor pool is also an option. Finally you can just network with students from around the state. The cost this year is \$50 for advisors and students. Housing forms are on the website. Some councils opted to take advantage of the large cabins that were offered as a housing choice. The housing deadline is October 23 and the registration deadline is October 26. I hope you can find your way "up north" and take advantage of this leadership opportunity.

Doug Erickson

Coordinator of Student Activities

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# Goals Report

## MASC:

1. have every division host 1 meeting
2. Membership up to 210 for MASC
3. Increase state service project involvement 65%? of members

## MAHS:

1. Increase honor society participation in state service project. 65%?
2. Membership up to 186 for MAHS
3. Foster and develop MAHS participation in division and state events.