

WCASC NEWSLETTER

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General Assembly

By: Betsy Vo

The Washington Country Association of Student Councils has recently experienced some significant changes this past year with the previous advisor Mr. Orth stepping down from his position. In his leave, Mr. Zachary Jamison has become the new advisor,

providing the entire board with a tremendous amount of support. As a previous SMOB and now a Special Education Case Manager at Fountaindale Elementary, Mr. Jamison works tirelessly to ensure all voices are heard. Additionally, throughout the board's planning, he's been instrumental in shaping events that build connection and leadership across WCPS.

Following the start of the first General Assembly, students were given the opportunity to learn more about the 2025-2026 Board of Student Leaders with the interactive meet and greet. Members of the BOSL rotated around the room, each with a three-minute time limit to introduce themselves to delegates at the assembly. During this time, student leaders shared fun facts about themselves along with important information about WCASC.

Our four committees this year are...

- Finance Committee – managing our budget, fundraising, and ensuring our resources are used wisely.
- Peer Wellness Committee – focused on supporting student mental health, encouraging self-care, and building peer-to-peer support systems.
- Community Outreach Committee – planning service projects and partnerships to make a positive impact across our county.
- Legislative Committee – advocating for student concerns, engaging with policymakers, and representing our voice at the local and state levels.





2nd Vice President Election Information

By: Rachel Liu

Open to current 8th graders for the 2025-2026 year 2nd VP.

Elections open for current 7th graders in April for the 2026-2027 year 2nd VP.

Why participate in the election?

It is important to engage in your community by serving as a student leader. This is an opportunity to lead your fellow peers into success by learning how to become an exceptional leader with the rest of the board. You get to help run WCASC general assemblies and attend MASC conferences as a student delegate. The experience you gain from joining our community of student leaders can benefit you when it comes to bettering your own student council and gaining practical life skills.

Responsibilities:

- Attend all Board of Student Leader Meetings(held at Fountaindale Elem. details will be shared)
- Serve as the a committee co-chair
- Encourage student involvement in WCASC
- Provide perspective of middle school student councils
- Hold pride in your position and serve the student body

Any questions? Contact the WCASC President Torin Malott at tcmalott10@gmail.com

SSL OPPORTUNITY

Teen Volunteers @ Washington County Free Library

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Interview with O'marie Barnes, Maryland SMOB

Summarized by Rachel Liu

As student member of the board, what is your job?

Job is to provide the other board members with an informed student perspective. Represent the 1 million students in the state and it is really difficult to do that. You have to bring an informed viewpoint to the board. Meet with counties across the state and get informed. Reach out and engage students with the board.

What does your day-to-day look like?

He works 15 hours every week. The position is what you make of it; you can do more if you choose to do more. He chooses to do more because he cares about the students. Last month was focussed on passing CTE programs: 400 pages of reading. They send you a long packet and you have to read it before meetings.

Why is student advocacy important?

If we don't step up we cannot shape the future we want. Being civically engaged is one of the most important things you can do. Look at the water bottle you just put up to see that it's made somewhere and that is a policy, trade policy, health policy, etc. There are a lot of policies that come into play in your daily life and students need to be involved in what their SMOB is doing in order to give an informed student perspective.

How are you making tangible progress for Maryland students?

Focused on strengthening student interventions for basic mathematics and literacy. From using support and resources to looking at old and new policies under blueprints, hr collaborates with MSDE. New career and technical education standards. He is the first college goer of his family but that is not the only pathway so they are going to try to provide these opportunities. He has a council with 35 students but with no western counties and they are trying to change that. They are looking for new council members

What is the Maryland blueprint?

A program that sets students up for educational success. Big bill that was passed two years ago based on 5 pillars: Early Childhood Education, High-Quality and Diverse Teachers and Leaders, College and Career Readiness, More Resources for Students to be Successful, and Governance and Accountability. Read more about it on their website!!!

<https://blueprint.marylandpublicschools.org/>

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WCASC WORD SEARCH 2.0

BY: RACHEL LIU



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