



MSL "CAUCUS"

A newsletter for and by Maryland Student Legislature Alumni members

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Welcome Alumni

Welcome to all MSL Alumni Members!! I hope you will enjoy your first official copy of the MSL newsletter. Ideally, you find this to be a source of both enjoyment and information about what's current in the Maryland Student Legislature.

But, just like the undergraduate body of MSL, we need your support. Come on, alumni, let's band together to help support our current undergraduate membership, and promote our graduated former members. If you'd like to help out, we'd welcome your contributions.

Contact Brian Griffiths, Alumni Chairman for general questions. And, if you are interested in helping with the newsletter, I would welcome your

submissions, suggestions, or editing help. I look forward to editing this

newsletter and hope we can create a lasting avenue of communication for all MSL members!

--Kristen G. Fraser, '00, WMC
Editor, MSL "Caucus"

Important MSL Upcoming Events:

First Interim Assembly and Alumni
Event:

(More details TBA)

Place: Frostburg
State University
Lane Center
(Near the Performing
Arts Center)

Date: Saturday,
November 11 and
Sunday, November
12, 2000

Time: Exact time TBA

The first Alumni Event
and gathering with
take place on Sunday
November 12. Look
for more details from
Brian Griffiths.

ABOUT "CAUCUS"

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From the Desk of the MSL Governor:

Welcome MSL Alumni to a New Era, a revitalized Maryland Student Legislature erupting with excitement and ambitions.

This year shows signs of becoming the most productive year in MSL history, and you are a part of it!

As you are aware by now, Mr. Brian C. Griffiths will be heading our Alumni Association (really, I mean it!) With his help, I hope to tap into the vast amount of resources that Alumni are able to offer our organization.

I am pleased to report that I am not the only one excited about your increased involvement. My State Government is welcoming the networking, advice, and relationships that have already been initiated between current students and MSL Alums.

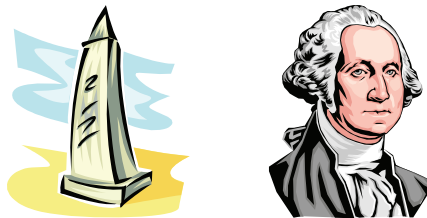
I am looking forward to your involvement with much anticipation. Each of you has played a role in MSL history, but it doesn't end after graduation!

The goal is still the same and the path to success a rough road, but with your help, together we will "Go the Distance" and make the Maryland Student Legislature the best it has ever been!

Sincerely Yours,
Jeremiah Kelly
Governor
2000-2001 Maryland Student
Legislature
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REMINDER

Election Day is November 7... don't forget to vote. Exercise your right as a citizen and vote on all of those key issues that we debated in MSL. The political affiliation isn't important, your voice and contribution is!!!



MSL in the News

While Maryland Student Legislature has not always been prominent at many colleges, occasional media coverage has helped to improve the stature of the organization.

For the Western Maryland College delegation, a recent article in the local *Carroll County Times* has highlighted MSL once again.

The article, "WMC delegation takes its place at the forefront of collegiate legislature," was featured in the September 24, 2000 edition of the *Times*. Governor Jeremiah Kelly and his Chief of Staff Matthew Burger were both interviewed.

To see the article, check out http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=892237&BRD=1289&PAG=461&dept_id=156627&rfi=8, or go to the *Carroll County Times'* homepage and conduct an archive search.

As MSL expands, we can only hope that media coverage and membership increases!

New 2000-2001 MSL Officers Initiated



The Council of State being sworn in at the 2000 Annual Session by State Del. James Rzepkowski (R-Linthicum) L to R: Ken Shepherd, Holly Smith, Kate Boyle, Kathleen Olsen, Jeremiah Kelly

Annual Session Announcements

Last year's Annual Session brought many sad farewells for the departing seniors (and new alumni members), but also brought excitement as a new group assumed Council of State positions.

Governor:

Jeremiah Kelly

Western Maryland College

Lieutenant Governor:

Kathleen Olsen

College of Notre Dame

Attorney General:

Kate Boyle

Western Maryland College

Secretary of State:

Holly Smith

Western Maryland College

Speaker of the Assembly:

Ken Shepherd

University of Maryland College Park

This year's Annual Session was also an opportunity to honor several outstanding achievements by members who exhibited the spirit of MSL through their participation. The winners are listed below.

Most Outstanding Act:

Gary Krupka, UMCP

Most Outstanding Resolution:

Mandy Buchanan, Towson

Most Outstanding Delegation:

Western Maryland College

Most Outstanding Delegate:

Jeremiah Kelly, WMC

Most Outstanding Senator:

Lisa Reuwer, College of Notre Dame

Best Orator:

Brian C. Griffiths, WMC

William Troy Simmons Award for Distinguished Career of Service:

Michael R.O. Berlin, UMBC

Thomas V. "Mike" Miller Award for Up and Coming New Members:

Kate Boyle, WMC

Alumni Chairman Notes

Welcome to the first ever edition of the MSL Caucus! This newsletter will serve as a forum as well as an information source for MSL alumni.

You can look to us for continued information about current events in the organization, alumni reunions, and upcoming MSL events such as our upcoming alumni gathering Sunday, November 12th at Frostburg State University to be held in conjunction with the 2000 Fall Interim Assembly.

As I've stated before, this organization is intended to bring together former members of the Maryland Student Legislature and to further the growth of the organization. But in order to do this, we are going to need support. There are two things that we need from you:

- 1) Please complete and return the enclosed information sheet. (See page 5.) We would like this information for our records so we can readily inform you of upcoming MSL and Alumni Association events.

Please return it to the address on the form, or send the information to the e-mail address enclosed.

- 2) We would like for you, if at all possible, to donate financially to the Maryland Student Legislature.

I'm sure that all of you remember the times that you had as students in the organization. Please ensure

that students in the future will have the same opportunities that we did. The Maryland Student Legislature is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Maryland Corporation and your donation can be deducted for tax purposes. The recommended donation is \$25, but any money that you can donate is greatly appreciated. Please enable us to continue the Maryland Student Legislature, as well as to keep other endeavors, such as the Alumni Association and this newsletter. Please send your donations to Maryland Student Legislature, Inc. 222 Main Street, # 140 Annapolis, MD 21401-2005

Please help us continue to keep MSL great, as well as to grow and build this Alumni Association. I hope to see all of you Sunday, November 12 at Frostburg.

Sincerely Yours,
Brian C. Griffiths, WMC '00
Chairman, Maryland Student
Legislature Alumni Association

MSL on the Web

For those of you who may not know, the Maryland Student Legislature has a website! This site is a great way for current students, alumni members, and prospective schools to learn about the current events in MSL.

The website address is www.msl.org. Our faithful Webmaster and alum Douglas Testerman maintains the site with pictures and important upcoming dates.

Check out the site to see what's happening right now with the organization and the homepages of some specific delegations. The contact information for our current officers is also provided.

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Coming Soon:

Look for upcoming issues containing more information about what's happening in MSL including:

- MSL Alumni Updates and Interviews
- More information on Interim Assembly at Frostburg State University
- Alumni functions and fundraisers
- Information from the Board of Directors
- Updates from the current officers
- And much, much more...

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