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## WBAL's Walden to Headline MSL Dinner

*3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tomorrow's Leaders,  
Today Dinner to be held April 27<sup>th</sup>*

WBAL Commentator and nationally renowned Broadcast Journalist Alan Walden will be the Keynote Speaker at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MSL *Tomorrow's Leaders, Today* dinner.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2006 starting at 7 PM. This year's event will take place at the Four Point Sheraton BWI Hotel, 7032 Elm Road, Linthicum. The event cost is \$50 per person; additional sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, visit our website at: <http://www.msl.org/events/2006-dinner/index.html>.

Mr. Walden is a broadcast journalist with more than 50 years of experience in local and network radio and television. He began his career on Long Island, New York and was, at various times, news director of radio stations in Cleveland, New York City, and Boston, vice president of news for Metromedia Radio, executive producer and chief correspondent for the NBC News and Information Service, and Director of Network News and senior correspondent for NBC Radio.

Walden joined WBAL in Baltimore in July of 1988 as morning news anchor and principal anchor of special events. His daily commentary, "*Walden Ponderings*," made its debut a month later and is still heard weekdays on WBAL in the news at 5:30 a.m. and on the Internet. Although retired from the morning news Walden continues to appear regularly on WBAL during major news events and is a



WBAL Commentator and MSL Keynote Speaker Alan Walden

permanent guest on *The Chip Franklin Show* each Friday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

To attend the dinner, please RSVP at (410) 431-8888, (888) MSL-0717, [donate@msl.org](mailto:donate@msl.org), or return your check with your reply card by mail.

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# Message from the Chairman of the Board of Directors

In this issue, I will briefly discuss the organization's annual fundraising dinner, the *Tomorrow's Leaders Today* Dinner; the organization's signature event, Annual Session; and give everyone a glimpse of what is to come.

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Tomorrow's Leaders Today* Dinner

On Thursday April 27, 2006, the Maryland Student Legislature, Inc. will host its fundraising dinner the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Tomorrow's Leaders Today* Dinner at the BWI Sheraton. This is the organization's biggest fundraising endeavor to date. This event will not be a success without **everyone** supporting this event. The organization's alumni play an integral role in this success of this and all of our efforts, and your attendance at this event is essential. If you cannot attend, there are several other ways to contribute. Please visit our website at <http://www.msl.org/events/2006-dinner/index.html> for detailed information on how you can help.

## Annual Session

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Session is on April 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> at the State House in Annapolis. On Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alumni / Student Luncheon will be held. This luncheon will give students an opportunity to mingle with the alumni of the organization. Throughout the weekend of Annual Session, Alumni, Directors and student delegates will be able to interact in the Maryland capital.

The Board of Directors has an exciting array of proposals up at its Annual Meeting in April. In the next edition of the *Caucus*, I will provide information about these proposals including the 2006-2007 Corporate and Programmatic Calendar and the 2006 Summer Leadership Retreat among others.

I look forward to the upcoming *Tomorrow's Leaders Today* Dinner and Annual Session. I hope to see many of you at these events.

Douglas Testerman  
*Chairman of the Board of Directors*  
*Maryland Student Legislature, Inc.*

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# *Message from the Alumni Association President*

Every Spring, the Board of Directors, the Council of State, the State Government, and Alumni Association leadership go into the busiest time of our Maryland Student Legislature corporate year. In the Spring, we have many important events, including the recently completed 2006 Spring Leadership Training Institute/ Interim Assembly at Washington College. The event was outstanding. Kudos go to Washington College DCP James Vorhies and his delegation for hosting an outstanding event!

In the next month, we are working on two of the Alumni Association's most important events; the 2006 *MSL Tomorrow's Leaders, Today Dinner* and our Annual Alumni/ Student Luncheon on the Saturday of Annual Session. Both of these events are important components of our Association and our corporation. It is one of the few times that all members of the MSL family can come together for camaraderie, reminiscence, and support. These events are important mechanisms in our effort to connect those from MSL's past, those from MSL's present, and those in MSL's future.

As alums of our wonderful organization, I am once again asking you to do your part in helping us maintain and grow this wonderful organization. As a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, MSL cannot exist without the generous contributions from people such as yourselves. On behalf of the Alumni Association, please give back to the organization that gave so much to you. We invite you to attend the *Tomorrow's Leaders, Today Dinner* to reconnect with our organization. If you cannot attend, please consider helping to sponsor the event, or to sponsor a student to attend this worthwhile event. If there are other ways that you think you could help our organization, whether it be by your business or community contacts, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

It is also important that we stay in touch with you as your life changes and progresses. We can only stay in touch with our alumni if our alumni stay in touch with us. Please update your contact information with us. We want to make sure that you are the first to know about upcoming MSL events, Alumni news, and MSL related opportunities. One of the best ways to ensure that we stay in touch with you is throw our e-mail listserv. Receive up-to-date MSL information whenever it becomes available. To update your information with us, visit the MSL Alumni website at <http://alumni.msl.org>, or e-mail me directly at [briancgriffiths@yahoo.com](mailto:briancgriffiths@yahoo.com).

Thanks, and I hope to see all of you at the *Tomorrow's Leaders, Today Dinner* and the Annual Alumni/ Student Luncheon.

Brian C. Griffiths, WMC'00  
President, MSL Alumni Association

## **Update Your Contact Information!**

*To ensure you receive all of the latest MSL News and Information About MSL events, update your Alumni Contact Information Online at*  
<http://alumni.msl.org>

## *Message from the Governor*

It seems as though it was just yesterday that I was elected the Governor of the Maryland Student Legislature. It is hard to believe it is already March! Annual Session commences next month and my tenure as Governor will come to a close.

As I reflect back on this past legislative year, I am overwhelmingly pleased with the successful events that have been put on. We were extremely privileged to have amazing speakers this year including: Congressman Wayne Gilchrest, Maryland Democratic Party Chairman Terry Lierman, Congressional Candidate John Sarbanes, U.S. Senatorial Candidate Allen Lichtman, and many more! MSL also was lucky enough to have Governor Ehrlich speak at our Legislative Reception. We are doing our best to ensure he addresses the students at Annual Session in April.

MSL will hold its 17th Annual Session April 28-30 in Annapolis. We have been extremely fortunate to have all of the rooms secured, including the hotel. We will be staying at the Calvert House on State Circle. With the students staying at this historic Annapolis inn, we hope this will set the mood for the professional, yet enjoyable weekend that lies ahead.

After April 30, I will join you all as an alumni of MSL. I became a member my freshman year after helping to rejuvenate the Towson delegation. After serving as DCP for three extraordinary years, I am proud to hold the title of Governor. I hope that when I graduate, I will be involved as a alumni just like you all are. The continued support we receive from alumni is the reason why the organization is so successful. I look forward to seeing you all at the Fundraising Dinner and at Annual Session.

Respectfully yours,

Brooke M. Barrash  
*Governor*

## *2006 Annual Session Preview*

The Delegates of the Maryland Student Legislature are busy preparing for our much anticipated 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Session. On April 28<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> students from universities all over Maryland will meet in the chambers of the State Capitol to debate a wide range of student produced legislation. Our planning committee has been working diligently to ensure this will be a successful event each delegate will remember for a lifetime!

We are excited to announce that this year's Gala will be held in the historic Governor Calvert House located next to the State House. Students will be able to take in a part of Maryland history while building the camaraderie MSL is known for. For the seniors this will be a time to reflect on the many memories we have made through this organization.

This session will also be marked by the election of new state officers. Delegates announced their candidacies at the Spring '06 Interim Assembly and are busy writing their speeches and preparing their campaigns for each office. This is an opportunity for students to practice the campaign skills they will someday put to use as active participants in our local, state, and national government.

This promises to be an enjoyable learning experience, as we are proud to carry on the great traditions of Maryland Student Legislature. Governor Barrash and I both wish to extend an invitation to all Alumni to stop by the State House and view us in action. What better way for us to learn than from those who have gone before!

Sincerely yours,

Brendan McElroy  
*Lt. Governor*

# 2006 MSL Legislative Reception Recap

By Brian Bailey  
*MSL Comptroller & Political Liaison*

On Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, the Maryland Student Legislature hosted its annual Legislative Reception in Annapolis in the Presidents Conference Center East of the Thomas V. “Mike” Miller, Jr. Senate Office Building.

Many legislators showed their support for MSL by stopping in throughout the evening including Senate President Miller.

The highlight of the evening was the unexpected appearance of Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. and members of his senior staff including Policy and Legislative Director Joseph M. Getty, , and Deputy Director of Communications and Press Secretary Gregory Massoni. The Governor spoke about the importance of MSL and praised the organization for engaging college students in the debates over public policy. He then posed for pictures with members of the Council of State.

Following the reception, students and members of the Board of Directors made their way to the State House . The House of Delegates and the Senate both presented resolutions honoring MSL's 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Governor Brooke M. Barrash (Towson), Speaker of the Assembly Kevin Rodkey

(UMCP) and Secretary of State Tammy Barnes (Washington) received the House resolution. Governor Barrash was even afforded the opportunity of ascending to the rostrum to join

House of Delegates Speaker Mike Busch and address the membership of the House of Delegates. The students then made their way over to the Senate chamber where they were joined by Lt. Governor Brendan McElroy (Towson) and myself to receive the Senate resolution. That resolution was presented by state Senators Brian E. Frosh (D-20) of Prince George’s County and Paula C. Hollinger(D-11) of Baltimore County.

This event further emphasizes the importance of interaction between the student members of MSL and the members of the Maryland General Assembly. In everyone’s eyes, this event was a success.



*MSL Governor Brooke Barrash listens to ascending to the Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.*



*Sen. Ida Ruben (D-20) discusses issues with Student Megan Beattie (Towson)*



*The Council of State Accepting a Resolution in Honor of MSL on the floor of the State Senate, joined by State Senators Paula Hollinger and Brian Frosh*



*L to R: Del. Jeannie Haddaway (R-37B, SSU '98), Communications Director Amy Anderson (Salisbury), Del. Addie Eckhardt (R-37B), and Student Lindsay Faulkner (Salisbury)*

# 2006 Spring LTI/IA Recap

By Tammy Barnes  
*MSL Secretary of State*

Proudly representing the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Washington College graciously hosted its first ever MSL event: the 2006 Spring Leadership Training Institute & Interim Assembly on the weekend of March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. While it had been nearly eight years since an MSL event was held on the east side of the Chesapeake (Fall IA 1998, Salisbury University), eight delegations numbering about sixty delegates excitedly gathered at Washington College's beautiful Chestertown campus for a weekend of training sessions, active debate, and good ol' MSL camaraderie.



*The Council of State with Maryland Congressman Wayne Gilchrest during the 2006 Spring LTI/IA*

The assembly joined with Dr. Baird Tipson, President of Washington College in welcoming Congressman Wayne Gilchrest (MD-01) as the weekend's keynote speaker. Congressman Gilchrest shared with the students his experiences on Capitol Hill and encouraged students to stick to their principles when under fire; asserting that integrity is the necessary foundation which will sustain anyone willing to stand up in the face of mainstream politicking. The Congressman was followed by guest speaker Terry Lierman, Chairman of the Maryland Democratic Committee. Mr. Lierman



*Debate on the Floor*

spoke to the assembly about political mobilization tactics being utilized in order to empower the Democratic grassroots campaigns across Maryland.

The weekend was successful in passing four new bills signed by the Governor including several resolutions on such topics as, a repeal of the Maryland estate tax, poker tournaments sponsored by charitable organizations, and support of Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2005.



*Maryland State Democratic Party Chairman Terry Lierman*

# Alumni Profile

## Jeremy Rosendale, SSU '97

### What are you doing these days?

I am currently the Legislative Aide to Baltimore City Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke (D-14<sup>th</sup>), who served as the first female City Council President in the history of Baltimore. I also serve on the Mayor's LGBT task force.

My true love is local government and the legislative process. In this position I get to work directly with the City Council and Mayor's office on problems and issues within the 14<sup>th</sup> District as well as all of Baltimore City. I personally like to see the fruits of my labor and in city government you see the streets that you helped to get repaired, you see the faces of the community after you helped to get their neighborhoods clean and so much more.



*MSL Alumnus Jeremy Rosendale*

### Have you Been Active in Politics?

I have been very active in politics, especially in Baltimore City. My most recent campaign was in 2004 for Mary Pat Clarke who ran to come back to the Baltimore City Council after serving two terms as a Councilmember and then serving as the first female City Council President for two terms. Before that I was the Advance Coordinator for the Catherine Pugh for City Council President campaign (2003) and the Carl Stokes for Mayor campaign (1999). I plan on being very active in this year's Gubernatorial and General Assembly races. Also, I am the Treasurer for the Baltimore City Young Democrats.

### What was your favorite Moment as an MSL member?

I'd have to say our General Session in 1997. I had just gotten involved with the MSL and was pretty active. I was Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and got to sit in my Senator's (and one of my mentors) seat on the floor of the Senate, which was a big highlight for me.

My best memory was preparing opposition to legislation being introduced by fellow MSL member Susan Dill that called for making Maryland a "right-to-work" state. I contacted the AFL-CIO and Teamsters and prepared myself with a litany of information. I lead the opposition and the bill was defeated! (Sorry Susan!)

### How did MSL Prepare You for Life After Graduation?

While I was in MSL I worked as a legislative aide to Delegate (now Senator) Kathy Klausmeier. That experience combined with my MSL experience, helped me to learn the legislative process. The MSL provided a hands-on experience because I was able to write legislation as well as lobby for my legislation, which is done on a daily basis in Annapolis. The other great thing about MSL was the contacts and connections I made, many of my fellow MSL'ers also worked for various legislators.

### What Advice Do you have for MSL's current students?

I've been intimately active in politics since I was 18. I get asked over and over how to get an "in" and what is the best way to get involved. I can't stress enough the merits in volunteering. Politics doesn't pay much and it's near impossible to get paid staff positions, especially if you don't have much experience. However, if you volunteer, you get to prove just how hard you can work (plus the fact you are working that hard for FREE) and if you show dedication and reliability, you will get noticed.

## **Alumni & Parents**

If you, or your son or daughter, no longer live at this address, please forward a current address and phone number to us at (410) 431-8888, (888) MSL-0717, or <http://alumni.msl.org>



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## *Mark Your Calendars– MSL Events!*

### **2006 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors**

April 9, 2006, 12 P.M.  
University of Maryland, College Park

### **2006 *Tomorrow's Leaders, Today Dinner***

w/ Keynote Speaker Alan Walden  
April 27, 2006, 7 P.M.  
Four Points by Sheraton BWI Hotel  
7032 Elm Road, Linthicum

### **17th Annual Session**

April 28-30, 2006  
State House, Annapolis

### **3rd Annual Alumni/Student Luncheon**

April 29, 2006  
State House, Annapolis