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The Honorable Ken Ulman

Howard County Executive Headlines 2007 MSL Dinner

Howard County Executive Kenneth S. Ulman served as the Keynote Speaker for the 2007 Maryland Student Legislature *Tomorrow's Leaders, Today* dinner, held on Thursday April 24th at the Four Points Sheraton BWI Hotel in Linthicum.

Mr. Ulman spoke about his experiences as Maryland youngest County Executive. He also spoke about the reasons that he become involved in the political process, ultimately leading to his 2002 candidacy for the Howard

County Council and his 2006 campaign for County Executive. Mr. Ulman encouraged students and guests to become participants in the political process of leadership and not just merely spectators.

MSL was joined on the evening by many distinguished guests:

- The Honorable Tony McConkey, Maryland House of Delegates
- Kent Krabbe, Executive Director, Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund
- William Woodcock, Howard County Democratic Central Committee Member and MSL Alumnus
- Byron Macfarlane, Howard County Democratic Central Committee Member and MSL Alumnus
- Jennifer Miller, Anne Arundel County Democratic Central Committee Member and MSL Alumnus
- Jeremy Rosendale, Office of Governor O'Malley, Baltimore City Democratic Central Committee Member and MSL Alumnus
- Sharon Nathanson, Office of Congressman John Sarbanes
- Malaina Pinder, Office of County Councilman Calvin Ball
- Christina Hailman, Office of County Councilperson Jennifer Terrasa

We would also like to recognize those who made donations in support of this year's dinner:

- The Honorable Harry Hughes, former Governor of Maryland
- The Honorable Bryan Simonaire, Member of the Maryland State Senate
- The Honorable James Mathias, Member of the Maryland House of Delegates
- The Honorable Carolyn J. Krysiak, Member of the Maryland House of Delegates
- Constellation Energy Group

We hope that our supporters and alumni will be able to join us for our 2008 dinner on Thursday, April 24th.

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Message from the Alumni Association President

Greetings! At the summer Board of Directors meeting, I was appointed as your new Alumni Association President. Prior to this appointment, I was involved for four years with the programmatic side of the Maryland Student Legislature. During the 2006-2007 academic year, I served as the Attorney General, and prior to my election, I served as the Delegation Chair Person for Salisbury University, the Governor's Director of Communications and co-editor of the MSL Voice. I am an alumnus of Salisbury University, from which I earned a degree in Political Science.

I look forward to working with the Board of Directors, the Alumni, and current students to establish a more proactive and dynamic Alumni Association. It is my hope that through the Alumni Association members are able to continue the relationships they began as student members of MSL while continuing to foster opportunities to give back to current and future members of our great organization.

In the coming year, be on the look out for more Alumni functions, a new and enhanced newsletter, and more opportunities for you to share your experiences post-graduation and MSL. Please allow the MSL Alumni Association to keep you up to date on current events and Alumni happenings by updating your contact information at: <http://www.msl.org/alumni/update>.

Students are the heart of this organization, and I hope that all of you will continue to stay involved with the Maryland Student Legislature as alumni; your participation and contributions are greatly appreciated!

As your new Alumni Association President, I am here to assist you in anyway. Please feel free to contact me at aapresident@msl.org with your ideas, concerns and recommendations.

Best Regards,

Amy K. Anderson
MSL Alumni Association President

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*Look forward to *The Caucus's* new look coming next issue, under the direction of MSLAA President Amy K. Anderson, Newly Elected Editor-in-Chief!!*

Update Your Contact Information Online!

<http://www.msl.org/alumni>

Message from the Chairman of the Board of Directors

Spring is always a busy time for MSL, and this past year was no exception; students, alumni and Directors continue to work together in moving the organization forward.

In February, the Board of Directors adopted the 2007-2008 Corporate and Programmatic calendar. The adopted version is available on our website, giving students, faculty, and alumni the ability to plan to attend our events in the upcoming year.

In April, the Board adopted a Corporate Budget for Fiscal 2008. This budget encompasses all anticipated revenues and expenditures throughout all facets of the Corporation, and will be an invaluable resource as we continue to work to improve our fiscal posture.

Our 18th Annual Session began with the 4th Annual Tomorrow's Leaders, Today Dinner on Thursday. This event brought together students, alumni and elected officials from throughout the state in an effort to raise money for the organization. We greatly appreciate each and every person who supported our event.

On Friday, Session got underway in the State House in Annapolis, and Saturday, the Alumni Association sponsored the 4th Annual Alumni/Student Luncheon featuring the Alumni/Student Debate. Once again, the Alumni Team was victorious over the Student team, albeit after intensely spirited debate. We were grateful that so many alumni could join us for this event.

Preparation for 2007-2008 began immediately after Sine Die. The program held its Council of State succession meeting on May 12th. At this meeting, the previous officers handed over all of the materials for their offices and discussed their positions with members of the 2007-2008 Council of State as well as top initiatives for the upcoming year. Once again, our top priority is recruitment.

I believe that we have grown the organization during my first year as Chairman, but there is still much work ahead of us!



Brian C. Griffiths

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Maryland Student Legislature, Inc.

Message from the Governor

I am Jared Luner, and I will be beginning my final year at McDaniel College this fall. On April 29th, 2007, I was sworn in as the Maryland Student Legislature's sixteenth governor. I am the second governor to come from McDaniel College, following the Honorable Jeremiah Kelly, who served as Governor for the 2000-2001 legislative year. I am honored to have been elected Governor of the Maryland Student Legislature, and look forward to working with the new Council of State.

I was recruited to join McDaniel College's delegation in the spring of 2006, and participated in Annual Session that year. I knew right away that MSL was for me. In the fall of 2006, I helped McDaniel DCP, Josh Russin, organize the Fall Interim Assembly, which was hosted by McDaniel College.

Prior to being elected as Governor, I served as the Delegation Chairperson for McDaniel College's delegation during the spring of 2007. During the 2006-2007 legislative year, McDaniel's delegation grew to almost double the size it had been the previous year. I hope to continue this trend as Governor and bring more delegates and more schools into the organization; however, this is not a task I will be able to accomplish on my own. I look to the Board of Directors, the Council of State, professors of member institutions, and to the alumni of Maryland Student Legislature to assist in reaching out to prospective members. If you have any connections that could be utilized in the recruitment of new members and new institutions for our organization, please contact Lieutenant Governor Justin Ritter of Salisbury University at ltgovernor@msl.org.

I am looking forward to the next year and hope to accomplish much during my term as Governor. Please feel free to contact me at governor@msl.org with suggestions, assistance, or words of advice. I look forward to hearing from and working with our alumni. I also invite alumni to attend our legislative events and meet the current student participants. You will find information on all of our upcoming events on our webpage, www.msl.org. Thank you all for your support and your involvement in the Maryland Student Legislature!

Respectfully yours,

Jared Luner

Governor, 2007-2008

Meet the New Directors

The Maryland Student Legislature Board of Directors has a new Governor, a new Alumni Association President, and has elected two new members of the Board of Directors. Congratulations to the new Board members!

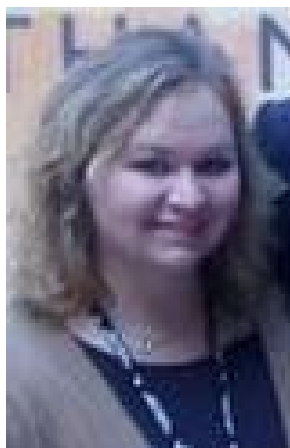
Brian Bailey

Director

Brian S. Bailey served as the 16th Governor of the Maryland Student Legislature during the 2006 – 07 academic year. Prior to his election as Governor, he served as the 4th Comptroller (2005 – 06) and for two consecutive years as MSL's State Political Liaison (2004 – 06). Brian is an alumnus of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) from which he earned a degree in Political Science.

Brian is involved with a multitude of civic, community, and political organizations. In 2006, he was elected to the Baltimore County Democratic State Central Committee from Legislative District 12A and currently serves as 1st Vice Chair.

Professionally, Brian is employed with Capitol Strategies, LLC, an Annapolis-based government relations and lobbying firm. Prior to joining Capitol Strategies, LLC in January 2007 Brian served as the Field Director on the 2006 primary campaign of state Senator Paula C. Hollinger in Maryland's 3rd Congressional District. Brian and Katherine M. Furek reside in Halethorpe, Maryland.



Tammy Barnes

Director

Prior to her appointment as Communications Director, Tammy A. Barnes served as Secretary of State during the 2005-2006 MSL Programmatic Year. During her year of service, she founded and was Editor-in-Chief of The MSL Voice Newsletter. The success of the publication led to the development of other projects including an MSL recruitment brochure.

Tammy received her BA in Psychology and Political Science from Washington College in 2006. During her college career and post-graduation she has completed several prestigious internships including placements at the Projects and Policy Office of The White House, Office of the First Lady; the Republican National Committee; and two members of Congress. Tammy is also civically active, serving as a volunteer mentor for the Southeast White House, a program intended to promote healthy child development through weekly after-school activities, field trips, and academic assistance based in Southeast Washington, DC.

Professionally, Tammy is employed with the American Psychological Association, Government Relations and currently resides in Washington, DC

2007-2008 CORPORATE AND PROGRAMMATIC CALENDAR

Fall Leadership Training Institute <i>University of Maryland, Baltimore County</i>	October 13 th
Board of Directors Fall Meeting 12:00 PM, McDaniel College	October 20th
Fall Interim Assembly <i>Towson University</i>	November 9 th , 10 th & 11 th
Board of Directors Winter Meeting 12:00 PM <i>Snow Date, 12:00 PM</i>	February 9th February 23 rd
Legislative Reception <i>Miller Senate Office Building, Annapolis</i>	February 11 th
Spring Leadership Training Institute/Interim Assembly <i>Salisbury University</i>	March 2 nd & 3 rd
Board of Directors Spring Annual Meeting 12:00 PM	April 5th
5 th Annual Fundraising Dinner <i>Four Points by Sheraton BWI Hotel, Linthicum, 7:00 PM</i>	April 24 th
19 th Annual Session 5 th Annual Alumni-Student Reception <i>(featuring the Alumni-Student Debate)</i>	April 25 th , 26 th & 27 th April 26 th
Program Succession Meeting	May 3 rd

Annual Session 2007 Recap

The Maryland Student Legislature's 18th Annual Session was held Friday, April 27th through Sunday, April 29th in Annapolis, Maryland's State Capitol. Students debated legislation relating to slot machines, stem cell research, taxes on tobacco, public financing of elections, school choice, and immigration reform, to name a few. Committee proceedings were held in the committee rooms of the Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. State Senate Office Building, while lively debate took place in the House chambers and the Lowe House of Delegates Building. Throughout the weekend, awards and resolutions, pictures, and brochures were available and on display in the lobby for public view. Many visitors touring historic Annapolis stopped by while visiting the State House and took the opportunity to sit in the back of the chambers of the House of Delegates and the state Senate to watch student debates.

On Saturday, students and alumni participated in the annual Student-Alumni debate while enjoying a luncheon of pizza provided by the Board of Directors. The guest speaker following the Alumni-Student luncheon was MSL Alumnus Jeremy Rosendale, Deputy Director of Executive Services for Governor Martin O'Malley. Mr. Rosendale gave brief remarks on the history of his involvement in MSL and politics. Following his remarks, Governor Brian S. Bailey presented him with a citation thanking him for speaking to the organization. In turn, Mr. Rosendale presented the members of the Council of State with citations from Governor O'Malley. That evening, the bicameral body held elections for the 2007-08 Council of State officers.

This year, the Gala was held at the Maryland Inn, part of the Historic Inns of Annapolis, located right on State Circle, a few minutes walk from the State House, where Students enjoyed food and dancing. In a change from past traditions, the winners of the Council of State Elections were announced during the Gala. On Sunday, following a morning of debate Mr. Brian Griffiths, Chairman of the Board of Directors, swore in the new Council of State officers.

Following the swearing in, presentation of awards, and inaugural address of Governor Jared Luner, graduating seniors gave their farewells and words of wisdom to those members who will be returning next year. Per tradition, after senior goodbyes, the 18th session of the Maryland Student Legislature was adjourned.

The Sights of



Left: Governor Brian Bailey presents a certificate to Howard County Executive Ken Ulman following the Tomorrow's Leaders, Today Dinner



2007-2008 Governor Jared Luner (l) is sworn in by Chairman of the Board Brian Griffiths



Committee Work



MSL 2006/2007

Annual Session 2007



Left: The Alumni Team discusses strategy prior to the 3rd Alumni/Student Debate; The Alumni Team won its 3rd Straight. L-R: Matthew Penick, Kevin Rodkey, Byron MacFarlane, Bill Woodcock and Brian Griffiths

2007-2008 COUNCIL OF STATE

Governor: Jared Luner, McDaniel
Lt. Governor: Justin Ritter, Salisbury
Attorney General: Amanda Arkwright, CND
Secretary of State: Kristina Belich, McDaniel

Speaker of the Assembly: Nick Vogtman, Towson
Comptroller: Shawn Jester, Salisbury

2007 AWARD WINNERS

William Troy Simmons Award for Distinguished Career of Service: Lani Martinez, Towson

Thomas V. Mike Miller Award for Up and Coming Members: Matt Emery, McDaniel

Most Outstanding Delegation: UMBC

Most Outstanding Bill: Amanda Arkwright, CND (A002-0607, *An Act Concerning DUI & DWI Law - Repeat Offenders*)

Most Outstanding Resolution: Lani Martinez (R008-0607, *A Resolution Concerning the Legalization of Brothels in Maryland*)

Most Outstanding Senator: Dustin Mills, Salisbury

Most Outstanding Delegate: Scott Besore, UMBC

Best Orator: Chris Tinsman, Washington

Alumni & Parents

If you no longer live at the address listed below, please forward a current address and phone number to us at (410) 431-8888, (888) MSL-0717, aapresident@msl.org, or <http://www.msl.org/alumni>



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Mark Your Calendars– MSL Events!

2007 Fall Leadership Training Institute

October 13, 9 A.M.
University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Fall Meeting of the Board of Directors

October 20, 12 P.M.
McDaniel College, Westminster

2007 Fall Interim Assembly

November 9-11
Towson University

Winter Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 9, 12 P.M.

2008 Legislative Reception

February 11
Miller Senate Office Building, Annapolis

2008 Spring Leadership Training Institute/ Interim Assembly

March 1-2
Salisbury University