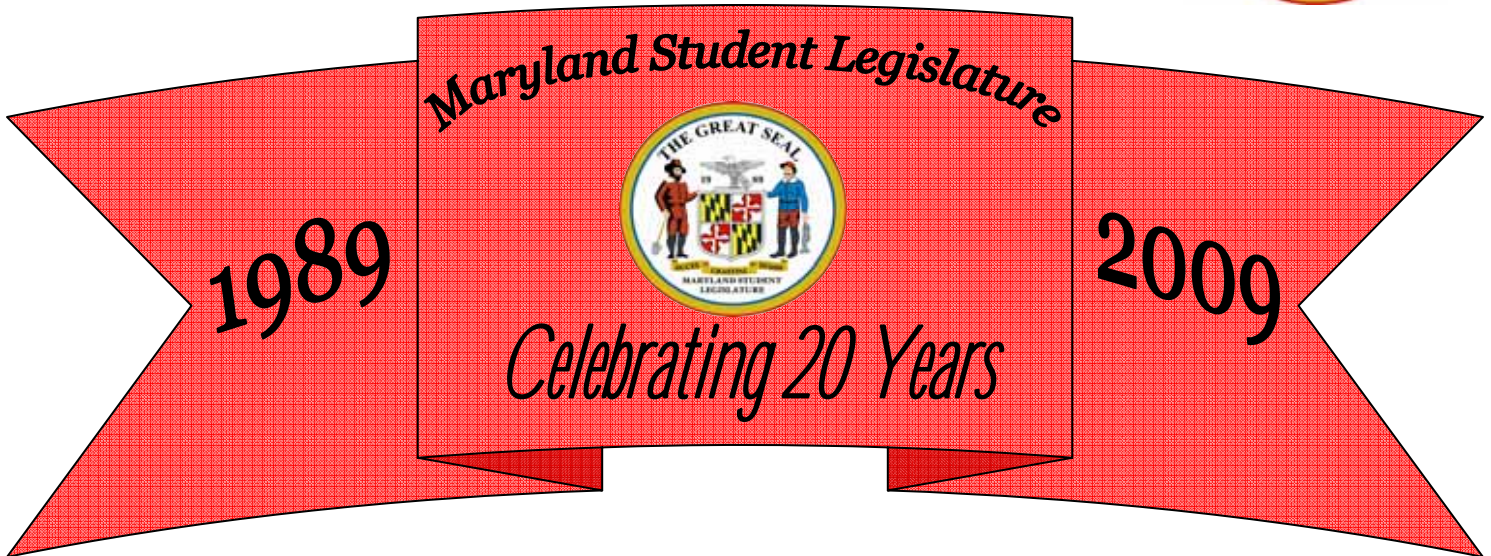


# MSL CAUCUS

Official Newsletter of the Maryland Student Legislature Alumni Association



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This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Maryland Student Legislature! From its conception in 1989 by our founder, William Troy Simmons, our organization has grown to reach colleges and universities across the state. At present time we have delegations from Salisbury to Frostburg and St. Mary's to McDaniel, with hundreds of students passing through our doors each year.

This is the perfect time to get involved with your alma mater, show support to the current students, reunite with old friends, and remember the relationships fostered and memories made throughout the past 20 years. We look forward to seeing you at our events as we celebrate 20 years!

Our thanks goes to those who have made contributions to the Maryland Student Legislature throughout the 2007–2008 year:

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|----------------------------|---|
| Amy Anderson               | Friends of Delegate Sheila Hixson               |
| Anonymous                  | Jeff Luner                                      |
| Amanda Arkwright           | Byron Macfarlane                                |
| Brian Bailey               | Susan & Tony McConkey                           |
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| Michael R. Berlin          | Michelle Santos                                 |
| Daniel Bowen               | William Troy Simmons                            |
| Constellation Energy Group | Herbert Smith                                   |
| R. Michael Gill            | St. Mary's College of Maryland Foundation, Inc. |
| Brian Griffiths            | Douglas Testerman                               |
| Jill Grimm                 |   |

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- 20th Anniversary!
- Calendar of Events
- Welcome new MSLAA members

*As always, special thanks to the Board of Directors, the student leaders and delegation members, and their families for the time and dedication put forth to enrich this organization.*

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR MSLAA PRESIDENT

The 2008 – 2009 legislative year marks the Maryland Student Legislature's 20th anniversary! As we begin this exciting year and embark on such a milestone for our organization, there will be amazing opportunities and events for you to show your continued support for MSL. It is my hope that in this anniversary year you, as an alum, will take the opportunity to attend an alumni or student event and continue to support our mission and our students.

Looking ahead to the legislative year, the students' next event will be the Fall Interim Assembly, November 14-16, 2008 at McDaniel College. This event promises great debate and a time for alums to see the students in action. There will be an **Alumni event** at the **Greene Turtle** (830 Market Street, Westminster, MD 21157), **7pm, Saturday, November 15**. In the Spring, the Leadership Training Institute/Interim Assembly will be March 7–8, 2009 at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested (or maybe an alum from CND) to share their experiences and expertise with our current students. If you are interested in participating or presenting a training session, please contact me ([aapresident@msl.org](mailto:aapresident@msl.org)), or Governor Arkwright ([governor@msl.org](mailto:governor@msl.org)).

This is an exciting year for MSL and the Alumni Association. I look forward to seeing you throughout our 20th year!! If I can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at [aapresident@msl.org](mailto:aapresident@msl.org).

Best Regards,

***Amy K. Anderson***

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President, MSL Alumni Association

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ONLINE!**

**[www.msl.org/alumni](http://www.msl.org/alumni)**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is excited to be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Maryland Student Legislature, and we are hoping that you can help us celebrate.

The Maryland Student Legislature is looking to expand our photo archives to further document our first twenty years. Over the many Interim Councils, Interim Assemblies, and Annual Sessions, many of you brought your cameras to take snapshots of your memories, your accomplishments, and the friendships you made. We are hoping that you would be willing to share these memories with your fellow alumni.

We ask that you consider sending us copies of your photos for use in cultivating our MSL archives, as well as to be displayed during the celebration of our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the 2009 Annual Session. Copies of photos or digital media such as photo CD's can be sent to the MSL Corporate Address: Maryland Student Legislature, 222 Main Street, # 140, Annapolis, MD 21401-2005. Digital files can be sent directly to my attention at [chairman@msl.org](mailto:chairman@msl.org).

Thank you for helping us with this endeavor. I am looking forward to telling you about a number of exciting ways that MSL will be celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary over the course of the coming months.

Thanks,



Brian C. Griffiths  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
Maryland Student Legislature, Inc.

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Greetings Alumni,

My name is Amanda Arkwright and I was elected Student Governor for the 2008-09 Legislative year. I am a senior at College of Notre Dame of Maryland majoring in History with a minor on Political Science. This legislative year marks my third year as a member of the Maryland Student Legislature and my second term on the Council of State.

Outside of MSL, I remain a busy participant within my campus community. I am a four-year member of both my school's field hockey and lacrosse teams. I am the goalkeeper for both teams. Over my three years so far, I have helped my lacrosse team win two conference championships and helped my field hockey team earn runner-up in the conference. My sophomore year I was named honorable mention for the all-conference lacrosse team and this past fall I was named to the all-conference academic team for field hockey. In addition to playing in the field, I also serve as the Vice President on our campus' NCAA sanctioned Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. This committee serves as a forum for student-athletes to work together to better our athletic department.

In what spare time I have left I enjoy photography and reading (non-textbooks that is). I also find time for a part-time job at Camden Yards with the Baltimore Orioles

As you can tell, I manage to stay busy. With my undergraduate career coming to an end I plan on taking the LSAT and applying to law schools around the region later this fall.

MSL is a great priority and I plan on focusing all I can on maintaining and increasing membership as well as furthering our history for great legislation and great debate.

Feel free to contact me at any time with comments, questions, and concern at [governor@msl.org](mailto:governor@msl.org).

Respectfully yours,  
Amanda Arkwright  
College of Notre Dame of Maryland  
Governor, Maryland Student Legislature

## 2007–2008 YEAR IN REVIEW

### FALL LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE

OCTOBER 13–14, 2007

The 2007 Fall LTI took place at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Much of the day focused on sharpening the skills needed to perform during actual debate periods. There were three training sessions featuring two classes each. First, students attended either the introduction to parliamentary procedure or the advanced parliamentary procedure session. The second session was either an introduction to debate tactics or advanced debate tactics. The third offered either bill writing or committee leadership fundamentals, with the later being composed of committee chairmen and vice chairmen only.

Members utilized what they had learned in the sessions in the mock debates which followed in the afternoon. One of the more interesting debates concerned child kidnapping penalties.

**Guest Speaker: Brian Griffiths, Western Maryland College Alum, Chairman of the Board of Directors**

### FALL INTERIM ASSEMBLY

NOVEMBER 9–11, 2007

Delegations from nine colleges and universities across Maryland attended the 2007 Fall Interim Assembly at Towson University.

Members first met for caucusing and committee hearings on Friday evening, and the rest of the weekend was filled with debate before a joint body of students. Among the more controversial resolutions was R004-0708, A resolution concerning Maryland Secession, written by Alexander S. Peak from Towson University. The resolution was initially passed by the body, but MSL Governor, Jared Luner, later vetoed the resolution and gave a passionate speech in defense of his action.

On Saturday evening, MSL Alumni gathered at a local restaurant for socializing after watching the students debate.

**Guest Speaker: Sasha Miles, Hood College Alumna, Special Assistant to Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot**

### SPRING LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE & INTERIM ASSEMBLY

MARCH 1-2, 2008

In March, Salisbury University welcomed delegations from across the state to the Spring LTI/IA. Among other training sessions, students were afforded the opportunity to learn about advanced debate tactics from SU Alum, Dustin Mills (2007).

Alumni ventured to Cherokee Lanes on Saturday night for some friendly bowling competition.

**Guest Speaker: Del. Jeannie Haddaway, Salisbury University Alumna, Maryland House of Representatives**



*MSLAA President, Salisbury Delegation members and SU Advisor, Dr. Harry Basehart, with Del. Jeannie Haddaway at Spring LTI/IA*

2008 ANNUAL SESSION



2007-2008 Council of State with Tomorrow's Leaders Today Fundraising Dinner guest speaker, the Honorable Harry Hughes, former Governor of Maryland



Students outside the State House



Alumni and student debate teams – Congratulations to the students for their first win. Maybe we can take back the title this year?



2008–2009 Governor, Amanda Arkwright, taking the oath of office

2008–2009 COUNCIL OF STATE

**Governor:** Amanda Arkwright, College of Nortre Dame of Maryland

**Cabinet:** Chief of Staff—Paul Schuman, University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
Political Liaison: Brian Kemmett, Salisbury University

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**Attorney General:** Becky Jones, College of Notre Dame of Maryland

**Secretary of State:** Michelle Santos, College of Notre Dame of Maryland

**Speaker of the Assembly:** Matt Emery, McDaniel College

**Comptroller:** Kathleen Gipprich, University of Maryland, College Park

**NEWS YOU CAN USE**

**2008–2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Fall Interim Assembly <i>McDaniel College</i> <b>Alumni Event—Greene Turtle, 7pm</b>	November 14th—16th  <b>November 15th</b>
Legislative Reception <i>Miller Senate Office Building West, Annapolis</i>	February 23rd
Spring Leadership Training Institute/Interim Assembly <i>College of Notre Dame of Maryland</i>	February 28th & March 1st
Board of Directors Spring Annual Meeting <i>12:00 PM</i>	<b>April 11th</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Session <b>5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni-Student Reception</b> <i>(featuring the Alumni-Student Debate)</i>	May 1st—3rd <b>May 2nd</b>
Program Succession Meeting	May 10th

**OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE BACK AND GET INVOLVED**

**Alumni events—first of the legislative year on November 15th (see above)**



Participate/present a training session at a student event

Be a mentor to a current student leader

Help start or revive a delegation at your alma mater or a nearby college or university



In kind donations: nametags, folders, copying services, event catering, etc.



Be a guest speaker at a delegation meeting or event—others can learn from your experiences

And of course, monetary contributions are always welcome!



**ALL IN THE FAMILY**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2008 GRADUATES AND NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE MSLAA**

*Samantha Aikins, St. Mary's College of Maryland*

*Justin Ritter, Salisbury University*

*Ashley Barbara, University of Maryland, Baltimore County*

*Ada Rodriguez-Brown, College of Notre Dame of Maryland*

*Kristina Belich, McDaniel College*

*Brandon Smith, Salisbury University*

*Mike Hawkins, Salisbury University*

*Florian Tabaku, Mount St. Mary's University*

*Ryan Hunt, Salisbury University*

*Kasey Wright, Salisbury University*

*Jared Luner, McDaniel College*

*Daniel Zimmer, Salisbury University*

*Dave Mical, University of Maryland, College Park*

**Graduations/Career News**

**Weddings**



*Brooke Barrash at graduation*

Brooke Barrash (Towson, 2006) graduated with a Master of Public Policy from American University in May 2008. Upon graduation she received a job as a Policy Analyst with the National Committee for Quality Assurance.



*Philip and his wife Alicia*

Philip Dacy (UMCP, 2000) recently graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

**Births**

Douglas Testerman (SCHOOL, YEAR) and wife Becky gave birth to a son, Blake Elliott Testerman, January 1, 2008. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 17 inches long.



*Blake Elliott Testerman*

Craig Reynolds (AACC, 2006) and Megan McElreavy (Hood College, 2005; AACC, 2006) were married May, 6 2007 in Glen Burnie, MD. Fellow MSL alums Titus Hamilton and Brian Bailey served as groomsmen. The couple now resides in Red Lion, PA.



*Craig and Megan Reynolds*



*Mr. & Mrs. Brian Young*

Brian Young (Salisbury, 2004) and Kate Young were married August 9, 2008 in Luzerne, Pennsylvania. After a honeymoon in Riviera Maya, Mexico the couple will reside in Maryland.

Brian Bailey (UMBC, 2007) and Kate Furek were married September 12, 2008 in Baltimore, Maryland. The couple currently resides in Halethorpe, Maryland.



*Brian and Kate Bailey*

If you have an announcement (graduation, career, wedding, or birth), send the information to [aapresident@msl.org](mailto:aapresident@msl.org) for inclusion in our next newsletter!

## Alumni & Parents:

If you are no longer at the address below, please forward a current mailing address to [aapresident@msl.org](mailto:aapresident@msl.org), or update information at [www.msl.org/alumni](http://www.msl.org/alumni)



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