



# Maryland Student Legislature

## Keynote Speaker

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*(The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall be in the center chair of the dais, and the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR shall be seated on the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY'S right. In order from the right to left, the SECRETARY OF STATE, the ATTORNEY GENERAL and the COMPTROLLER shall be seated in the front at the Clerk's Desk.)*

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: The body shall come to order. *(The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall rap the gavel.)* At this time we shall hear remarks from our distinguished guest speaker.

The body shall rise as Governor \_\_\_\_\_ [last name] and \_\_\_\_\_ [title and name of keynote speaker] enters.

*(The GOVERNOR shall approach the dais. The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall then shake hands with the GOVERNOR. The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY takes their seat. The KEYNOTE SPEAKER takes a seat in the first row of seats.)*

GOVERNOR: **The body may be seated.** It has been a treasured tradition of the Maryland Student Legislature to invite speakers who are leaders in public service to address our Assembly. Today it is our pleasure to continue this tradition. Our speaker today is *(offers a short biography of the KEYNOTE SPEAKER)*. At this time it is my sincere privilege to welcome \_\_\_\_\_ [title and name of keynote speaker]. *(KEYNOTE SPEAKER shall approach the front of the room, shakes hands with the GOVERNOR and assume the dais. The GOVERNOR shall take the seat on the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY'S left.)*

*(KEYNOTE SPEAKER'S address. Following the KEYNOTE SPEAKER'S address, the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY and LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR shake hands with the KEYNOTE SPEAKER. The KEYNOTE SPEAKER shall step to the right. The GOVERNOR shall reassume the dais for the purpose of bestowing a certificate of recognition upon the KEYNOTE SPEAKER.)*

GOVERNOR: Thank you for those remarks \_\_\_\_\_ [name of keynote speaker]. I would like to present \_\_\_\_\_ [name of keynote speaker] with a certificate of recognition from the students and the Board of Directors of the Maryland Student Legislature.

*(The GOVERNOR should present the certificate to the KEYNOTE SPEAKER and shake hands with KEYNOTE SPEAKER. Time shall be allowed for pictures of the certificate presentation. Following this the GOVERNOR shall return control of the chair to the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY and return with KEYNOTE SPEAKER to the left side of the room.)*

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: Thank you \_\_\_\_\_ [title and name of keynote speaker]. The body shall rise as the GOVERNOR and [name of keynote speaker] exits.

*(The GOVERNOR and KEYNOTE SPEAKER shall exit.)*

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: At this time, we \_\_\_\_\_ [next item on the agenda]:  
(If the Mock Debate is next on the Agenda, refer to *MOCK DEBATE Protocol.*) (*SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall rap the gavel.*)