



Maryland Student Legislature

Closing Ceremonies

(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.)*

The General Assembly of the Maryland Student Legislature is convened for the purpose of the Governor's Signing Ceremony, the Governor's farewell address, the announcement of locations for the ____ - ____ year, the inauguration of the Council of State, the inaugural address of Governor-elect _____ [last name] inaugural address, announcement of delegation leadership, the announcement of Council of State cabinet appointments, the awards ceremony, and for entertaining points of personal privilege from graduating seniors.

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: The body shall come to order. Members shall rise as Governor _____ [last name] enters the chamber.

(GOVERNOR enters and proceeds to the dais. The GOVERNOR shall shake hands with the members of the Council of State shaking hands with the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY last.)

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: Members shall now be seated. *(Members shall now take their seats. GOVERNOR shall remain standing.)*

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: At this time the chair would like to recognize the Secretary of State for the purpose of conducting the Governor's Signing Ceremony. *(GOVERNOR shall take the center chair.)*

(The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall take the seat on the GOVERNOR's left.)
(The SECRETARY OF STATE shall approach the dais with all legislation adopted by the General Assembly during session. The SECRETARY OF STATE shall stand next to the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY.)

SECRETARY OF STATE *(for legislation being signed by the Governor):* Act/Resolution XX.XXX, title, shall be signed by the Governor.

(The SECRETARY OF STATE shall open the Bill Folder and present the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY with the Signing Document. The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall sign the document and present the Signing Document to the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR shall sign the document and present the Signing Document to the GOVERNOR. The GOVERNOR shall sign the Signing Document and return the Signing Document to the SECRETARY OF STATE, who places the Signing Document in the Bill Folder.)

SECRETARY OF STATE (for legislation being passed without the Governor's signature): Act/Resolution XX.XXX, title, will pass without the Governor's signature.

(The SECRETARY OF STATE shall open the Bill Folder and present the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY with the Legislation Passage Document. The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall sign the document and present the Legislation Passage Document to the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR shall sign the document and return the Legislation Passage Document to the SECRETARY OF STATE, who places the Legislation Passage Document in the Bill Folder).

SECRETARY OF STATE (for legislation vetoed by the Governor and overridden by the General Assembly): Act/Resolution XX.XXX, title, was passed notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

(The SECRETARY OF STATE shall open the Bill Folder and present the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY with the Veto Override Document. The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall sign the document and present the Veto Override Document to the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR shall sign the document and return the Veto Override Document to the SECRETARY OF STATE, who places the Veto Override Document in the Bill Folder.)
(Repeat procedures until all legislation and documents have been signed.)

(The SECRETARY OF STATE shall return control of the chair to the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY and return to their seat at the Clerk's Desk. The GOVERNOR shall stand on the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY'S left.)

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: Thank you Governor. At this time the chair would like to again recognize the Governor for the purpose of offering his/her farewell address to the General Assembly.

(The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY takes their seat. The GOVERNOR offers his/her farewell address to the body. The GOVERNOR shall return control of the chair to the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY and shall stand on the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY'S left.)

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: Thank you Governor _____ [last name] for your service and dedication to the Maryland Student Legislature.

(The GOVERNOR, the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, the ATTORNEY GENERAL and the COMPTROLLER shall take a seat on the left side of the chamber.)

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: At this time, I would like to announce the event locations for the ____-____ year. The Succession Meeting for members of the Council of State will be held on ____ [date] at _____ [school]. The Summer Leadership Retreat will be held on ____ [date] at _____ [school]. The Fall Leadership Training Institute will be held on ____ [date] at _____ [school]. The Fall Interim Assembly will be held on ____ [dates] at _____ [school]. Finally, the Spring Leadership Training Institute/Interim Assembly will be held ____ [dates] at _____ [school].

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: At this time we shall begin the inauguration of the Council of State. The investiture of officers shall proceed in the following order Comptroller, Speaker of the Assembly, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Lieutenant Governor, and Governor. At this time the Chair would like to relinquish his/her position and welcome the Chairman of the Board of the

Maryland Student Legislature for the purpose of conducting the investiture of the members of the Council of State.

(CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD shall proceed to the dais and shake hands with the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall take a seat on the left side of the chamber.)

CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, would the _____-elect _____ [name] please proceed to and ascend the dais from the left of the chamber?

(The OFFICERS-ELECT shall proceed to the dais in the following order: COMPTROLLER-ELECT; SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY-ELECT; SECRETARY OF STATE-ELECT; ATTORNEY GENERAL-ELECT; and LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR-ELECT.)

(The OFFICER-ELECT shall rise and proceed to the dais standing facing the CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.)

CHAIRMAN: Please place your left hand on the _____ [Bible, MSL Constitution, or other religious text, if other religious text is provided by and at the request of the OFFICER-ELECT], raise your right hand and repeat after me;

(“//” inserted as suggested points to pause recitation of oath for repetition by OFFICER-ELECT.)

“I, _____ [state name], do solemnly swear (or affirm) // that I will faithfully execute the Office of _____ of the Maryland Student Legislature // and will do my best to protect, preserve, defend and uphold // the Constitution of the Maryland Student Legislature, // the Constitution of the great sovereign State of Maryland // and the Constitution of the United States of America.”

CHAIRMAN: Members of the General Assembly it is now my honor to present _____ [name] duly invested as the _____ [office] of the Maryland Student Legislature for the ____ - ____ year.
(CHAIRMAN shall shake hands with the officer begin the applause.)

(Note: The CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD shall repeat this process for all OFFICERS-ELECT, save the GOVERNOR.) (The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR shall take their seat on the right of the CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD and the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall take the seat on the left once their oath is completed. The SECRETARY OF STATE, the ATTORNEY GENERAL, and the COMPTROLLER shall take their seat at the Clerk’s Desk once their oath is completed. Once the SECRETARY OF STATE’S oath is complete the former SECRETARY OF STATE shall take a seat on the left side of the chamber.)

CHAIRMAN: At this time would the Governor-elect _____ [name] please proceed to and ascend the dais from the left of the chamber?

(The GOVERNOR shall rise and proceed to the dais standing facing the CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.)

CHAIRMAN: Mr./Madam Governor-elect please place your left hand on the _____ [Bible, MSL Constitution, or other religious text, if other religious text is provided by and at the request of the OFFICER-ELECT], raise your right hand and repeat after me;

(“//” inserted as suggested points to pause recitation of oath for repetition by OFFICER-ELECT.)

“I, _____ [*state name*], do solemnly swear (or affirm) // that I will faithfully execute the Office of Governor of the Maryland Student Legislature // and will do my best to protect, preserve, defend and uphold // the Constitution of the Maryland Student Legislature//,the Bylaws of the Maryland Student Legislature// the Constitution of the great sovereign State of Maryland // and the Constitution of the United States of America.”

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Speaker, Member of the General Assembly, Alumni Association, State Faculty Panel, Board of Directors, and Honored Guests. It is now my distinguished honor to present _____ [name] duly invested as the _____ Governor of the Maryland Student Legislature.

(The CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD shall shake hands with the GOVERNOR. The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall rise and begin a standing ovation for the GOVERNOR. The CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD shall return control of the chair to the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY (Note: this is the newly invested Speaker) and shall take their seat in the chamber. The GOVERNOR shall remain standing to the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY’S left.)

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: It is now my privilege as Speaker of the Assembly to recognize Governor _____ [name] for the purpose of giving an Inaugural Address.

(The GOVERNOR offers his/her inaugural address to the General Assembly. The GOVERNOR shall return control of the chair to the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY and shall take their seat on the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY’S left.)

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: At this time, I would like to announce the election of the following Delegation Chairpersons for the _____ (*following year*) (*SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall read the list of Delegation Chairpersons and their Delegation provided by the SECRETARY OF STATE.*)

The Lieutenant Governor has the following cabinet appointments he/she would like me to announce at this time. As I read your name please rise and remain standing until all the appointments have been read. (*SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall read the list provided by the Lieutenant Governor. Then ask each appointee if they accept their appointment.*)

The Governor has the following cabinet appointments he/she would like me to announce at this time. As I read your name please rise and remain standing until all the appointments have been read. (*SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall read the list provided by the Governor. Then ask each appointee if they accept their appointment.*)

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: At this time, the body shall be required to confirm the Governor’s Nominee for State Political Liaison. The Governor’s Chief of Staff is recognized. (*The GOVERNOR’S CHIEF OF STAFF shall rise*)

GOVERNOR’S CHIEF OF STAFF: Mr./Madam Speaker, I would like to move the nomination of _____[name] as State Political Liaison for the ____-____ year. (*The GOVERNOR’S CHIEF OF STAFF shall be seated*)

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: A motion is on the table for the confirmation of _____[name] as State Political Liaison for the ____-____ year. Is there a second? The Governor’s (something) is recognized.*(The GOVERNOR’S [something] shall rise)*

GOVERNOR'S [something]: Mr./Madam Speaker, I wish to second the nomination of _____[name] as State Political Liaison for the ____-____ year. *(The GOVERNOR'S [something] shall be seated)*

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: The nomination of _____[name] as State Political Liaison for the ____-____ year has been moved and seconded. Without objection _____ [name] shall be confirmed as the State Political Liaison. *(Note: if there is any objection there shall be a voice vote.)*

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: Congratulations to _____ [name] for being duly confirmed as State Political Liaison for the ____-____ year.

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: At this time, the chair would recognize the Chair of the Awards Committee for the presentation of awards pursuant to the Constitution. The Honorable _____ [title and name] is recognized. *(COMMITTEE CHAIR shall proceed to and ascend the dais, shake hands with the SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, who shall move and be seated to the left.)*

(The COMMITTEE CHAIR shall state the award criteria and then present the awards in the following order: Most Outstanding Resolution, Most Outstanding Act, Most Outstanding Delegate, Most Outstanding Senator, Best Orator, Most Outstanding Delegation, Thomas V. "Mike" Miller Award for Up and Coming Members, and the William Troy Simmons Award for Distinguished Career of Service. Awards shall be presented individually, for each the recipient shall approach the dais from the right, which would be their left. The recipient of the William Troy Simmons Award for Distinguished Career of Service may offer remarks not greater the 1 minute.)

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: Thank you members of the Awards Committee and congratulations to all of this year's award winners. At this time, the Chair shall entertain motions of personal privilege from our graduating senior members.

(The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall entertain motions of personal privilege from senior members, starting with the lowest-ranking member of the State Government, for the purpose of offer a farewell address to the Assembly.)

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: Are there any further remarks to be offered by or for graduating senior in the Assembly.

Is there any further business before the body? Seeing none, The Honorable _____ [title and name of a graduating senior pre-selected by the FORMER SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY] is recognized.

FIRST SENIOR: Mr. Speaker, I move that the General Assembly of the Maryland Student Legislature stand adjourned sine die.

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: Thank you, _____ [title and name]. Is there a second, The Honorable _____ [title and name of a graduating senior pre-selected by the FORMER SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY] is recognized.

SECOND SENIOR: Mr. Speaker I second the motion.

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: Notwithstanding objection from the floor the General Assembly of the Maryland Student Legislature stands adjourned sine die. *(The SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY shall rap the gavel.)*