

December

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Mission Statement: The Maryland School Counselor Association (MSCA) advocates for and promotes excellence in the profession of school counseling to support current and future school counselors in fostering the full potential of all students' academic, career, and social/emotional development across all regions of the state.

Vision Statement: The Maryland School Counselor Association (MSCA) creates a network of support for current and future school counselors by providing professional development, leadership, outreach, and advocacy through ethical practices. MSCA, in association with the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), empowers all Maryland school counselors to promote every aspect of student success through implementation of the National Model.

Date and Time: December 3, 2022; 9:00am


Location: Virtual Meeting

Attendees: N. Ham, M. Ponce, A. Downey, B. Marchione, J. Cheaves, K. McCord, M. Hoyt, H. Kleiderlein, S. Grimes, E. Travers, K. Klecan, J. Edmunds, R. Ndaka, S. Leftwich, R. Scott, C. Allen, X. Medina, S. Porter, I. Tawiah

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions- N. Ham
 - a. Review of the [October Meeting Minutes](#)
 - i. Introductions (if this is first time here, please drop your email address in the chat)
 - ii. Goals for this year:
 1. By April 2023 identify, train and provide support for at least 5% of MSCA members who will be able to advocate for more inclusion in the Maryland Blueprint Career Ladder legislation
 2. By June 2023 identify two ways to improve the diversity of voice, via, gender, race, cultural, religion, sexual orientation, gender identification, geographic location, human abilities, and thought in MSCA Programming
 3. Increase the Maryland School Counselor Association conference participation from 250 participants to 400 participants by April 2023
2. [President-Elect Report](#)- mponce@mscaonline.org
 - a. Final Nomination Tally for 2023
 - i. SCOY- [Total of 22 Nominees \(10 application begun in portal\)](#)
 1. ES- 8 Nominees

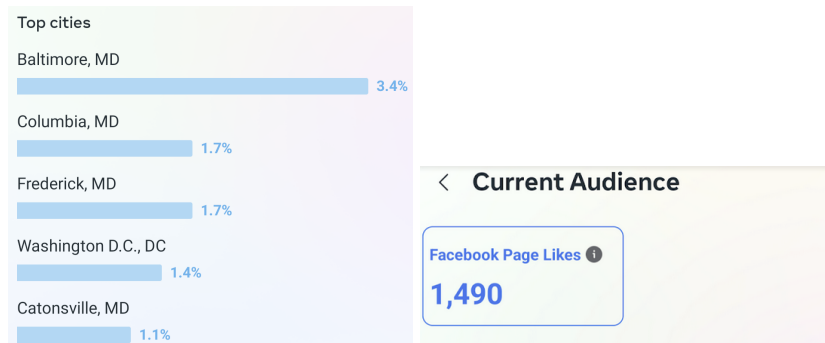
2. MS- 8 Nominees
 3. HS- 6 Nominees
 - ii. Other Award Categories
 1. Administrator: 4 Nominees (2 apps submitted)
 2. Advocate: 2 Nominees (1 app submitted)
 3. Counselor Educator: 0 Nominees (Atiya Smith nominated but she is a board member and ineligible) (0 app submitted)
 4. Grad Student: 1 Nominee (0 app submitted)
 5. Novice: 1 Nominee (1 app submitted)
 - b. Ponce is working on building the evaluator (judges) list for the applications
 - c. Our Committee is always looking for members, the next meeting is this Tuesday.

[Recognition Committee Monthly Meeting MSCA](#)
[Tuesday, December 6 · 7:00 – 8:00pm](#)
[Google Meet joining info: Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ggs-nexz-tiy>](#)
 - d. Recognition Celebration Event for this year- Majority of Committee voted for Option A.
 - i. Sunday night - having an awards ceremony and reception (already on the schedule)
 1. Come to the reception for free and bring one guest
 2. No additional cost for conference registered attendees
 - e. ***The Maryland Counseling Association (MCA) has a space reserved for the “MSCA liaison”.***
 - i. Maureen has been to two meetings and has been promoting the conference
 - ii. For 2022-2023, MCA meetings are on Tuesdays at 7:00pm via Zoom when I am teaching. If my class gets out early, I attend. [I am MCA’s Membership chair... and do not hesitate to encourage interested MCA members to join MSCA too.].
 1. Here are the MCA meeting dates for the 2022-2023 school year: 10/18, 11/15, 12 (TBD), 1/17, 2/21, 3/21, 4/18, 5/16, June (TBD).
 - a. I can pass along the Zoom link for the meetings to the formal MSCA liaison. I will also connect the MSCA liaison to the 2022-2023 MCA president, Pat Dudley.
3. Past-President Report:
 - a. Nomination: process will begin in Jan.
 - i. Several open positions available (president-elect, treasurer, secretary & website are all open positions)
 - ii. Certain positions receive a stipend (treasurer & website)
 4. Committees:
 - a. Membership/Website - wmarchione@mscaonline.org and mhoyt@mscaonline.org
 - i.  Website and Membership Report for 12/3/2022

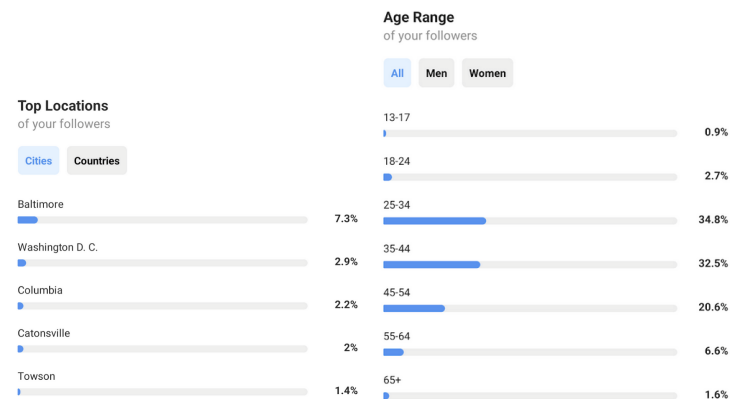
- ii. Membership Drive Raffle
 - 1. Fourth Prize: \$30.00 Credit to the MSCA Store
 - a. First Winner- Lauren Smith
 - 2. Third Prize: Free Year of Membership to MSCA
 - a. Second Winner- Elani Arrowood
 - 3. Second Prize: Free Year of Membership to ASCA
 - a. Third Winner- Stephanie Dix
 - 4. First Prize: Free Entry to This Year's MSCA Conference
 - a. Fourth Winner- Caroline Perry
 - 5. Grand Prize: Free Entry to This Year's MSCA Conference, Including Free Hotel Stay (Conference Being Held 3/19/22 - 3/20/22)
 - a. Fifth Winner- Heather Quill

b. Social Media/Communication – adowney@m scaonline.org Allie Downey

i. Facebook- Last Mtg (Oct) 1,641; Currently 1,652



ii. Instagram: Followers- Last Mtg (Oct) 577; Currently 576



iii. Twitter - Prev. Mtg (Oct.) 2,962; Currently- 2,898

iv. Social Media Take-Over

- v. Dec: Mia B.
- vi. Jan: Holly K - Twitter
- vii. Feb: Kathleen Klecan - February 6 - 10, 2023 (NSCW)
- viii. March:

- ix. Apr:
- x. May
- c. Professional Development- ereed@mscaonline.org Ed Reed
 - I. Working to get Lauryn's Law up and running
 - II. Prince George's and Western Regions are still looking for this resource.
- d. Equity and Social Justice Committee- mbeauttah@mscaonline.org Mia Beauttah
 - I. Exploring the way they are going to meet
 - II. Considering in having smaller groups or working session
 - III. Will keep us updated- if interested in getting involved contact Mia.
- e. Legislative/Advocacy Committee – hkleiderlein@mscaonline.org
 - i. Monthly meetings with Policy Partners (new point person is Robin)
 - 1. AIB verbal testimony by Nikki, written testimony by Holly
 - 2. Request for school counselors to be added to the Consortium
 - 3. Career Ladder-waiting for transition of new leadership
 - 4. Opportunity for advocacy: application for underrepresented
 - a. Behavioral health professionals
 - <https://mdhappointments.health.maryland.gov/BoardAppointments/Vacancies/IntakeForm/?board=Workgroup%20on%20Black,%20Latino,%20Asian%20American%20Pacific%20Islander,%20and%20Other%20Underrepresented%20Behavioral%20Health%20Professionals&boardid=0018y000073L6VAAU>
 - 5. Planning for a Legislative Day during NSCW (Feb. 6, 2023)
 - a. Mondays tends to be their late days
 - b. More details to come
 - ii. Request for committee member who can follow MSDE meetings
 - 1. Email sent to those who had shown interest to see if they would be willing to volunteer
 - 2. Jonathan Turner has stepped down from his role in MSDE (position is currently open)
 - 3. At MSDE, school counseling questions should be directed to [Walter Sallee \(walter.sallee@maryland.gov\)](mailto:walter.sallee@maryland.gov), Director of Student Services & Strategic Planning
 - 4. MSDE's website:
 - <https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard/Pages/Meetings-2022.aspx>
 - 5. Contact Holly if interested in helping out (every bit of participation helps!)
 - iii. Focus on local advocacy-local budget process (are counselors included in

NBCT bonus locally?)

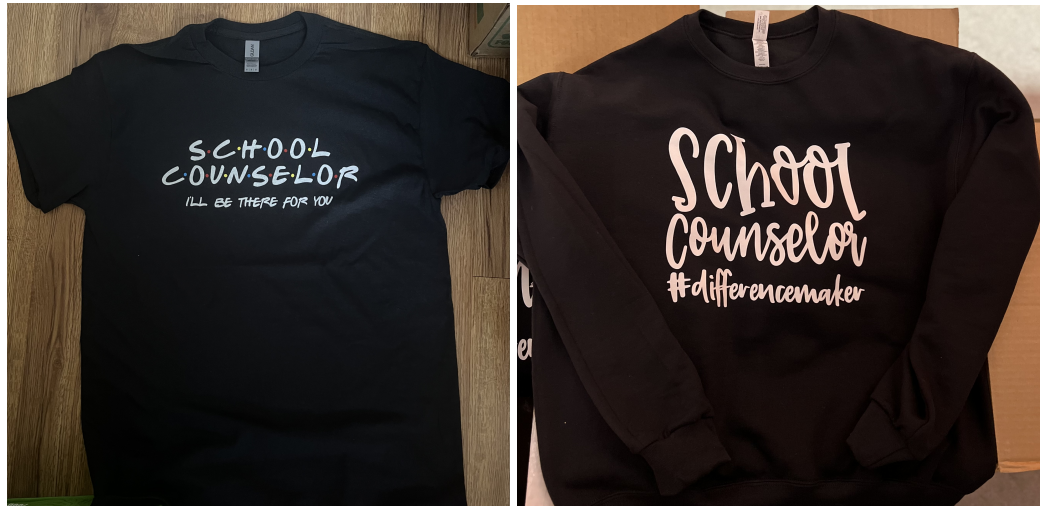
f. Ethics Committee- Carolyn Thorpe - carolynthorpe91@gmail.com

I. Finishing up the training through ASCA

II. Anticipates completing in Jan.

g. Merchandise- Sharon Grimes merchandise@mscaonline.org

I. New Clothing!! Woot woot



\$20 t-shirt and \$30 for sweatshirt

2. 7 merchandise orders fulfilled!!

3. Next year, consider giving a deadline in order to receive product by mid-Dec.

4. Need to explore a way to pay to ship out items-

Hope is to be able to schedule a pickup to keep it simple

h. Mentoring Committee- kklecan@mscaonline.org

Met on November 17th briefly to kick off the committee for the year

- i. An email was sent out to close last year's pairings; allowed those pairings to sign up again if interested
- ii. 16 people signed up for committee via email blasted out; follow up Google Form sent out
 1. 10 responses so far - 7 people interested in committee work
 2. Was suggested that it would be helpful if pairings were in the same county
- iii. Next Meeting: Monday, December 12th at 7:00 pm
 1. Determine set meeting date
 2. Discuss next steps/share responsibilities
 3. Hoping to get pairings up and running in Jan.

i. Public Relations – rscott@mscaonline.org

i. Richard is serving on a national committee for Student Services

ii. Recommends using the term “Student Services” in replace of School Counselor
j.Regions

1. Southern- jcheaves@ccboe.com
 - a. Southern- Conference on December 7th at St. Mary's College.
 - b. Topics: Using School Data & Trauma Informed Schools (CEU's)
 - c. Currently have about 90 registrations (capping at 125)
 - d. Registration extended to Sunday evening (Allie will re-promote on social media)
2. Eastern- rzollinger@mscaonline.org / Kate Rebman
 - a. No report at this time
3. Northern- Cc Braun (cbraun@mscaonline.org)
 - a. No report at this time
4. Central- Daniela Helton (need email)
 - a. No report at this time
5. Western- kklecan@mscaonline.org
 - a. Event held in October - Western Region Workshop
 - b. Survey afterwards only completed by 10 participants; half shared they enjoyed it being a one day workshop
 - c. Overall the feedback was very positive. Small snippet of comments:

I got some great information from most of the speakers. In the past I believe we have received MSDE credit for attending. I wish there was an option for that again, especially if there would be an opportunity to obtain credit for Lauryn's Law.

I thought it was great and very refreshing!! All the speakers were excellent and I think it touched on a lot of different issues that school counselors need to continue to be educated on. For me, this day allowed me to refocus on how I can improve and advocate for all students!!

6. Independent/Private Schools - athompson@mscaonline.org
 - a. No report at this time
5. Treasurer's Report – xmedina@mscaonline.org
- A. Paperwork for taxes have all been filed (through the accounting firm)
 - B. Current Paypal balance: \$3,996.65; Bank Account \$65, 936.38 (waiting on checks from PO Box)
 - C. Have not received any money from NCYI ; Nikki will speak with Robert to get more info
6. Elementary VP – elementaryvp@mscaonline.org Tracey Spain
- A. No report at this time
6. Middle VP – middlevp@mscaonline.org Shawnta Leftwich shawnta.leftwich@pgcps.org
- A. Looking for someone to facilitate to do a NCE bootcamp

- B. Looking for middle school counselors who are interested in showcasing their schools (will be doing Middle School Mondays in March)- love a good alliteration

7. High VP – secondaryvp@mscaonline.org Marian Hoyt

- A. Took over @msca_online Nov. 12-18
- B. Held FAFSA: Tips and Tricks with Ms. Kyttle (Post Secondary Advisor for BCPSS) on Nov. 15 (20 signed up and 12 counselors joined; shared the info after for those who could not show up).
- C. Last session of Trauma and Crisis Specialist workgroup on Dec. 14
 - a. Went well, so participants were interested in joining another workgroup
 - b. Meet once a month 7pm-8:30pm
 - c. We will begin ASCA's DEI course on Jan. 11, register for the course and complete the MSCA registration form by Dec. 13-
<https://msca7.wildapricot.org/event-5060017>
 - i. 13 registrants so far, spaces are limited!
 - ii. If you have questions, email Marian
secondaryvp@mscaonline.org
- D. Waiting to hear back from Danielle Clinton-Williams from MSDE to see if she is able to co-host a webinar on recertification
 - a. Event day is TBD, looking to get CEU credit once the date is set
- E. Spoke with Charlain Bailey, a representative from PCACAC, about a "What We Wish You Knew" webinar with admissions counselors
- F. Financial Assistance Advisory Council (FAAC) updates
 - a. Reviewed county plans for Carroll regarding their plans for financial aid outreach (MD SB664, Ch. 577)
 - b. Continuing to attend monthly meetings to get updates and give feedback on behalf of MSCA

10. Post-secondary VP – postsecondaryvp@mscaonline.org Dr. Atiya Smith

- A. No report at this time

11. President's Report –Nikki Ham

- A. [Monthly calendars](#)
- B. Conference Comm
 - a. 2023 Conference
 - i. March 19-20
 - ii. Same location in Cambridge, MD
 - iii. [Website up and running](#)
 - iv. Registration Rate Change (Early Bird Member rate \$190)
 - v. Conference committee are finalizing other rates; however, the recommendation is that no one goes for free this year.
 - vi. Keynote Speakers Confirmed (Melissa Reeves & John Hodge)
 - vii. 29 proposals this year. We have 20 slots available to present live.

- viii. MSDE will approve us for credits (should be good until 2027) 1 credit= 15 hours of content
- ix. The Conference Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Link is in the calendar.
- x. We will be folding in the recognition celebration with the conference. Will no longer be a separate gala event. Please reach out to Maureen Ponce if interested in joining this committee

C. National School Counseling Week Ideas

- a. The 2023 theme is [School Counselors: Helping Students Dream Big.](#)
- b. Legislative Advocacy Event (Monday, Feb. 6 in the evening is most likely)
- c. More focus on educating people about who we are and what we do
- d. Nikki has been in contact with a company that is willing to help sponsor the gift cards for members for this week.

12. Unfinished business:

- I. None at this time

13. New Business

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For the Good of the Group

- 1. Next General Body Meeting -Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 9am
- 2. Future Meeting Dates: June 3, 2023