MASSACHUSETTS ADVANCED STUDIES PROGRAM (MASP)

MASP offers a six-week academic, summer residential program at Milton Academy in Milton, MA for approximately 200 juniors in high school who have demonstrated superior academic performance and leadership potential. This program, founded in 1981, provides college-level and specialized courses, not offered in regular high school curriculum, that foster critical thinking skills, collaborative learning and improved self-esteem. The MASP environment is structured to give students a preview of collegiate life.

Current juniors in Massachusetts public and parochial schools only.

Director, Assistant Director, Administrative Assistant, MASP Faculty, College-Level Apprentices and Interns.

MASP Advisory Committee, Milton Academy Faculty, High School Guidance Counselors, College Admissions Personnel, METCO Coordinators and representatives from other educational institutions, community-based agencies and businesses.

High school students enrolled in Freedom House Youth Development Programs are eligible to apply to MASP in their junior year. Students of color who are graduates of MASP will have an opportunity to become Project REACH Scholars.

The Director sends a mailing to Massachusetts public and parochial school guidance counselors and holds an Open House every year at Milton Academy for parents and students. Presentations are also given at schools and community-based organizations including FH.

Foundations, Corporations and Individuals

MASP is continuing its efforts to increase the cultural diversity among the MASP student body. More innovative, aggressive outreach activities are underway to successfully penetrate communities of color.

MASP will serve as a positive feeder program for students of color into the Project REACH Scholarship Program through a formal collaborative effort between MASP and Freedom House. College students interested in teaching as a career can apply to MASP for a summer apprenticeship or internship. Financial aid officers from approximately 100 colleges conduct workshops for students and parents each summer.

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