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Bowie State University Celebrates 2004 Homecoming 1st President's Home Officially Opens as a Conference Center

Bowie, Maryland – Bowie State University is gearing up for a week of exciting activities to celebrate the 2004 Homecoming season October 2 – 9. This year's theme is *The Best Is Yet to Come...Still A Grand Affair*. The week-long events are expected to kick-off on October 2nd with a *BSU Family Day* and last throughout October 9th when the Bowie State Bulldogs take on the Elizabeth City State Vikings. Bowie State University is now 3 – 2 overall and 2 – 1 in the CIAA.

This year marks the 50th anniversary for Miss Bowie State University. Tameka J. Wilson, who won the title in spring 2004, will serve double duty this year as she was also crowned the 19th Miss National Black College Alumni (NBCA) Hall of Fame at the 2004 Competition of Black College Queens (www.nbcahof.org). In addition to the duties that go along with Miss BSU, Wilson will carry the crown of Miss NBCA for one year and serve as the 2004-2005 National Spokesperson for the Hall of Fame Foundation.

Goodloe House Grand Opening

On October 4 at 3:00 p.m., the *Goodloe House* will officially open as a conference center. Located at 13809 Jericho Park Road in Bowie, Maryland, the *Goodloe House* was built in 1916 on a three-acre property and was once the home to Bowie State University's first president, Dr. Don Speed Goodloe. For years, the big brick house across the train tracks from Bowie State University was without a place in history. Today the ten-room home with a 2-1/2 story hip-roof, brick and frame of Colonial Revival Style, is a registered historic site.

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The Goodloe House Conference Center features six private dining rooms, a reception area, and a lovely verandah. With an indoor capacity for nearly 200 people, the charming facility will be used as a venue for formal and informal events and special occasions such as wedding receptions and business meetings.

For a complete schedule of the 2004 Homecoming events, visit www.bowiestate.edu.



***Bowie State University
Homecoming 2004
October 2 – 9, 2004***

The Best Is Yet to Come...Still A Grand Affair

SATURDAY – October 2 (Pre-Homecoming Activity)

Bowie State University Family Day - 3:00 pm

Featuring Floetry

Location: The Quad

(Free Admission)

SUNDAY - October 3 (Pre-Homecoming Activity)

Gospel Concert - 7:00 pm

Featuring Ty Tribbett and Greater Anointing

Location: Samuel L. Myers Auditorium, Martin Luther King Building

Description: What better way to begin our Homecoming Week than with a Gospel Concert?

Come out to see some of the best and brightest gospel artists in the industry. You will surely be inspired by good music and fellowship.

(Free Admission – Must have a ticket to be admitted. Contact Student Activities for ticket information, 301-860-3839.)

MONDAY - October 4 (Pre-Homecoming Activity)

Goodloe House Conference Center Ribbon-Cutting and Open House – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: 13809 Jericho Park Road

Bowie, Maryland 20715

TUESDAY – October 5 (Pre-Homecoming Activity)

BSU Supercomputer Launch – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Center for Learning & Technology

WEDNESDAY - October 6

Homecoming Dance Lunch: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Mid-day Party. Come eat and do the latest line dances.

Location: Wiseman Student Centre, 102

Description: This lunch is an opportunity for everyone to come together to have a good time.

Faculty and staff will be encouraged to spend this time eating and interacting with students. We will have instructors who will teach the group various line dances while a DJ will be playing popular tunes.

WEDNESDAY - October 6 (cont'd)

Comedy Show – 7:00 pm

Location: McKeldin Gymnasium

Description: This is an event that you do not want to miss. This event will feature a new spin on a BSU Homecoming favorite. You will have an opportunity to hear some of the best national comedians in the country. Prepare to laugh like you've never laughed before.

(Admit Ticket: Students - Free, General - \$10.00. Must have a ticket to be admitted. Contact Student Activities for ticket information, 301-860-3839.)

THURSDAY - October 7

3rd Annual Golf Tournament

7.00 a.m. – Breakfast and Registration

8.30 a.m. Shot gun start

\$90.00 per golfer \$350 per foursome

Location: Bowie Golf & Country Club
7420 Laurel-Bowie Road
Bowie, Maryland 20715

Karaoke Lunch – 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: Wiseman Student Centre, 102

Description: This event is an evolution of the Jazz Lunch that is typically hosted by Mr. & Miss Bowie State University. Lunch, as always, will be provided and there will be a live jazz performance. However this year, participants will be encouraged to get involved by singing their favorite tunes through Karaoke. Are you adventurous enough to sing in front of people? We'll see!

Bowie Alumni History Makers Artists & Book Signing – 7:00 pm

Featured Artist Pinkie Strothers

BSU Alumni & Friends Book Authors

Location: Amos White IV Art Gallery & Myers Commons - Martin Luther King Building

Coronation of Mr. & Miss Bowie State University – 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Location: Samuel L. Myers Auditorium - Martin Luther King Building

Description: Mr. & Miss Bowie State University will be officially crowned as the King and Queen of the University. This special year marks the 50th Anniversary for Miss Bowie State University.

(Free Admission: No ticket needed.)

THURSDAY - October 7 (cont'd)

Coronation Reception – 10:00 pm – 12:00 am

Location: Wiseman Student Centre, 102

Description: Join the newly crowned Mr. & Miss Bowie State University at this reception immediately following the Coronation. This will be an opportunity to congratulate them personally.

(Free Admission: No ticket needed.)

FRIDAY - October 8

Monte Carlo Day & Auction – 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Wiseman Student Centre - Mall Area

Description: All the fun of spending a day in Monte Carlo without the cost! The Wiseman Center Mall area will be transformed into a world-class casino, complete with games, lounge singers, free food, etc. We invite everyone to join us for a day of fun.

Homecoming Pep Rally – 3:00 pm

BSU Band & Football Team

Location: Wiseman Student Centre Patio

Description: Generate that Bulldog Spirit before the game! Come out and show your support for our football team as they prepare to slaughter Shaw University. Remember, they are representing us.

Brick Pavers Inaugural Ceremony, in front of Library - 6:30 pm

Singing of the Alma Mater circling, "The Eternal Flame"

Scholarship Dinner Reception - 7:00 pm

Location: William E. Henry Administration Building (Lobby)

Scholarship Dinner & Awards Ceremony - 8:00 pm

Featuring Nuance

Location: Under the Tent

Description: All Alumni from different classes, affiliations, corporate sponsors, friends and community will be gathering to celebrate Bowie State University and its many achievements.

Co-sponsored by the BSU Foundation and the BSU National Alumni Association.

(Admit Ticket – Contact Alumni Affairs for ticket admission, 301-860-3939.)

Step Show – 7:00 pm

Location: James Gymnasium

Description: Each organization, which comprises the Pan-Hellenic Council, will participate in this competition.

(Admit Ticket – Students - \$10.00, General - \$15.00. Must have a ticket to be admitted. Contact Student Activities for ticket information, 301-860-3839.)



SATURDAY - October 9

Pre-Game Fest - 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

(Sponsored by Alumni Chapters, Greek Organizations, Social Clubs, Student Organizations)

All parties are requested to participate in this grandiose event and make this their special occasion. Tables available at 8:00am

Football Game – 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

BSU Football Stadium

Opponent: Elizabeth City State University

(Admit Ticket: Contact Athletics for ticket information, 301-860-3570.)

President’s After Game Party – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This will be a family friendly carnival like affair. All alumni, friends, students, staff & faculty will gather for a celebration after game party under the tent.

Homecoming Carnival – 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm

After the game, stay around and have FUN!

Location: Campus Wide

Description: After the game, the campus will be transformed into a carnival like you’ve never seen before. There will be games, vendors and your favorite inflatable activities. We promise that there will be something to do for kids of all ages.

Homecoming Firework Display – Dusk

Location: Campus Wide

Description: We will end the outdoor activities with an awesome firework display. So, when it starts, just stop where you are and be amazed!

And the Party Goes On – An Alumni Affair Under the Tent – 7:30 pm – until

Description: Alumni from all classes come together for a fun-filled celebration under the tent. (Free Admission)

Homecoming Concert – 9:00 pm

Featuring Musiq and Jaguar Wright

Location: James Gymnasium

Description: Just when you think the fun is over, it’s just getting started. What would any Homecoming be without a major performance? This year’s concert will appeal to both students and alumni.

(Admit Ticket: Student - \$15.00, General - \$25.00. Must have a ticket. Contact Student Activities for ticket information, 301-860-3839.)

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