



Dear Bowie State University Community,

This year marks the 25th anniversary of 9/11, a day when our nation was tested with the attack on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Today, we pause to remember those who lost their lives and the families whose lives were forever changed. The memory of that day reminds us how quickly life can change and how important it is to hold on to the values that bring us together.

In the days that followed, our nation found strength in unity. People from every background reached out to help one another, proving that we are more alike than different. That spirit of compassion and resilience continues to offer lessons for us all. By reflecting on our history, we gain perspective that can help us shape a better future.

At Bowie State University, our mission of education is rooted in that same belief—that knowledge and understanding can light the way forward. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said: “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” Education allows us to carry that light—the flame of faith and the torch of truth, preparing each generation to lead with wisdom and empathy.

Today, I invite you to recognize that part of our shared history at the [2nd Annual Hidden Heroes 9/11 Day of Remembrance Service & Panel Discussion](#), where we will have the opportunity to reflect on that day and how First Responders serve our community all year.

As we remember 9/11, let us honor those we lost by striving to learn, grow and contribute to a world marked by greater understanding and respect

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Aminta H. Breaux". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Aminta" being the most prominent.

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