



Dear Bowie State University Community,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 academic year! It is wonderful to see our campus once again filled with the energy, promise, and excitement that accompany the start of a new year. To our returning faculty, staff, and students, welcome back. To those joining us for the first time, we are delighted to welcome you to the Bowie State University family and to a community whose history and traditions now become part of your own story.

Our newest students join us from 41 states and 39 countries, bringing a rich diversity of experiences, perspectives, and aspirations. We also welcome new faculty and staff who bring valuable knowledge, talents, and ideas to our university. Since 1865, generations of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters have shaped Bowie State through their determination, creativity, leadership, and care for one another. Each of us now has an opportunity to build upon that proud legacy.

There are many ways to experience what it means to be Bowie Bold. We feel it when we sing our Alma Mater together, when Bulldog chants fill the stands at athletic events, when faculty inspire discovery, when staff help students navigate their university experience, and when colleagues and classmates encourage one another to persevere and succeed. These moments, large and

small, strengthen the sense of belonging and community that has connected generations of Bulldogs.

I know our faculty are eager to engage students in classrooms, laboratories, studios, and other learning spaces across campus. Our dedicated staff members are equally committed to creating a welcoming environment and providing the services, guidance, and support that help our university thrive. Together, our faculty and staff make possible the transformational experiences that prepare our students for careers, lifelong learning, and civic responsibility.

As we begin this year, we continue moving Boldly Forward. Our strategic plan reflects our shared commitment to innovation, opportunity, academic excellence, and student success while remaining grounded in the mission that has guided Bowie State for more than 160 years. Our growing national recognition, including our standing among the nation's leading HBCUs and our Carnegie designation as a Research College and University, reflects the collective work, talent, and dedication of our entire university community.

One of our most meaningful traditions is [Convocation](#), when we come together to formally open the academic year and welcome our incoming class. I invite all faculty, staff, and students to join us on Wednesday, September 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center Auditorium. Our keynote speaker will be Travis Mitchell, Senior Vice President and Chief Content Officer for Maryland Public Television.

As we look toward the year ahead, may we continue to honor the legacy entrusted to us while creating new traditions, expanding opportunities, and finding new reasons to be proud of Bowie State. Being Bowie Bold is reflected in how we pursue excellence, support one another, embrace possibility, and contribute to the life of our university.

I wish our faculty, staff, and students a rewarding, inspiring, and successful academic year.

Let's move Boldly Forward!

Best wishes,

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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President

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