



OFFICE of **THE PRESIDENT**

Dear BSU Community,

I wanted to take a moment out to speak to the campus community — faculty, staff and students.

We started a new year, and last week was the start of the spring semester. Ordinarily by now, we would have crossed paths on the campus in the Student Center or along the walkway, but Mother Nature had other plans.

As you know, we closed the campus for the first couple of days of the semester, before transitioning to remote learning and operations.

I want to give you an update that Bowie State University will reopen with regular operations tomorrow morning — Monday, February 2.

I want to congratulate the campus community for braving the storm, and I also want to thank you for your patience and cooperation during the clean-up. Due to the large amount of ice that fell on top of the snow, it took longer than usual to clear the campus. But after much effort by our grounds crew and private contractors, we can now return and resume normal operations.

Clean up will continue, so I encourage everyone to take precautions and wear the proper attire for the extended cold weather and slick spots on the roads and sidewalks during this winter season.

Again, I want to thank the entire campus community for your cooperation during this unique time. Special thanks to:

- Grounds Crew

- Public Safety
- Transportation
- Residence Hall staff
- Dining Services

And all essential personnel who are required to be on the campus and continue working during such emergencies.

Thank you to our faculty for the pivot and transition you made to deliver education virtually for our students. Thanks to staff for operating under remote conditions. And students, thank you, for your cooperation in working through all of this with faculty and staff.

Before closing I have a few reminders:

Remember to stay alert for weather and emergency announcements via the BEES alert system, email, the website and social media. Winter is far from over.

To celebrate Black History Month and officially open the spring semester, I invite the entire campus community to come together at Convocation on February 11 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center where you will hear from our special keynote speaker, Ben Crump, founder and president of Ben Crump Law and civil rights attorney.

Monday, SGA will have their regular meeting at 3 p.m. where Student Affairs staff will be on hand to help open the semester and hear from students.

Tuesday, I will begin my listening sessions with students for the semester in the Student Center Ballroom, and I look forward to attending upcoming Staff Council meetings as well as Faculty Senate meetings. Our semester town hall for faculty, staff and students will be held on March 3.

Bulldogs, I look forward to seeing you at Soul Food Wednesday, at one of the upcoming events on campus or later in the month during the exciting CIAA Tournament when our team takes to the court at the CFG arena February 24-28.

BSU...in the meantime, keep the spirit of the Bulldog and stay curious, bright, resilient and persistent in pursuing learning.

Sincerely,

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