



DFPA

DEPARTMENT OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS



**BOWIE
BOLD**

BACK TO BOLD | BACK TO LIFE

BRIDGING THE GENERATIONS AND COMMUNITY THROUGH THE ARTS

2022-24 Season in the DFPA

“Keep on moving, don’t stop
Keep on moving,
Like the hands of time, click-clock
Find your own way to stay
Keep on moving,
The time will come one day...”

– “KEEP ON MOVING” BY SOUL II SOUL





Black Box Theater

DFPA

Build your talent to create, connect and inspire.

The visual and performing arts are highly competitive fields and having a strong foundation of professional training is critical. In Bowie State's **Department of Fine and Performing Arts (DFPA)**, students prepare for success in the Fine and Performing Arts Center (FPAC)—a beautiful space featuring a movement studio, band room, only Steinway piano rooms and rehearsal studios, a recital hall, a multimedia recording studio; fashion design studio, digital media computer labs, stop-motion animation studio, film/video edit suite, art resource room, costume shop, digital music lab and two theaters.

Additionally, our award-winning faculty provide a holistic education that produces empowered graduates prepared to meet the challenges of their discipline, stay abreast of technology and embrace diversity.



WE CREATE

MISSION

Consistent with the University's overall mission, the Department of Fine and Performing Arts is dedicated to providing a comprehensive and holistic education that will produce empowered graduates prepared to meet the challenges of their discipline, stay abreast of technology, and embrace diversity.

The Department fosters community outreach that perpetuates an overall appreciation of visual arts, design, media arts, music, dance, and theatre and their recognition of their places in the academe and beyond.



WE CONNECT

GOALS

To provide a progressive and rigorous curriculum with activities that ground students in the arts holistically, as well in their specific areas of concentration.

1. To recruit retain and graduate academically sound and diverse student populations.
2. To encourage individual creativity and experimentation in interdisciplinary activities, arts as a business and in overall aesthetics.
3. To cultivate critical thinking through individual and collective examination of quality in the arts and aesthetics.
4. To offer the most current technological advances employed in art, visual communication, music, dance and theatre.
5. To expose students to a variety of cultural experiences that enhances their artistic repertoire and develops their appreciation for diversity.
6. Through partnerships, alliances and/or collaborative experiences, increase departmental support and visibility.
7. To foster on the campus and in surrounding communities an appreciation of the arts as a cultural force in society.
8. To strengthen viable human and fiscal resources and maintain accountability to both the university and the public



WE INSPIRE

VISION AND CORE VALUES

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DFPA FACULTY

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Coordinator

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MJ: THE MUSICAL ON BROADWAY (NYC)

MYLES FROST (MUSIC TECHNOLOGY) IN THE ROLE OF MICHEAL JACKSON, TONY AWARD WINNER



MYLES FROST (MUSIC TECHNOLOGY) IN THE ROLE OF MICHEAL JACKSON - MJ: THE MUSICAL

BLACK BEYOND MEASURE

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2021 HBCU Design Challenge Winners

Join us in celebrating our second annual group of winners.



Trey
Hampton University



Kah'Milah
Florida A&M University



Sharone
Bowie State University

Buy Black **Join Us** Learn

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FEB 2022

Shop the limited time collection designed to celebrate & share the culture.

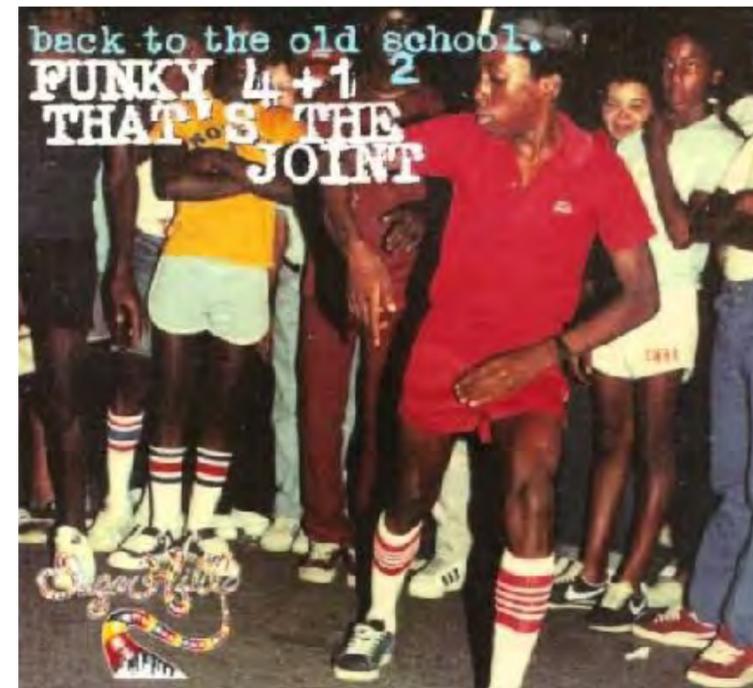
Explore the collection



2021 HBCU Design Challenge Winners

Meet this year's students who are bringing their designs to the Black History Month Collection.





MC SHA-ROCK, RESIDENT HIP-HOP PIONEER, HISTORIAN AND ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
VISUAL COMMUNICATION & DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS



HIP-HOP STUDIES
AND VISUAL CULTURE MINOR



RUTH CARTER, OSCAR WINNING COSTUME DESIGNER VISIT

VISUAL COMMUNICATION & DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS



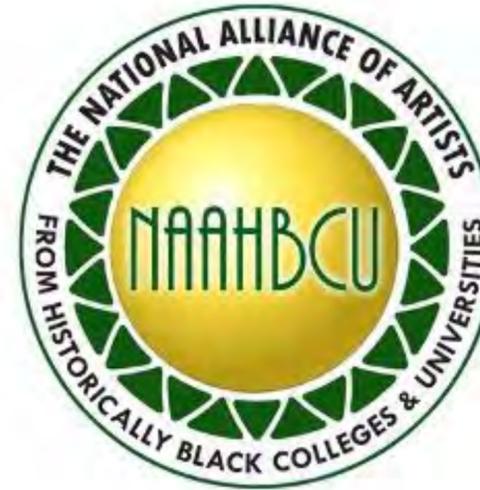
WORLD RENOWNED DANCER, CHOREOGRAPHER AND PRODUCER
DR. JUDITH JAMISON



UNITY MURAL on display at the State's Capitol building in Annapolis, MD. Created by students in the DFPA (ART/VCDMA) under the direction of Professors Gina Lewis and Jennifer White-Johnson and in collaboration with Art faculty and students from University of Maryland, College Park in honor of Lt. Richard Collins, III, Lt. Collins, III was a BSU alumni who was tragically killed by a senseless act of violence.



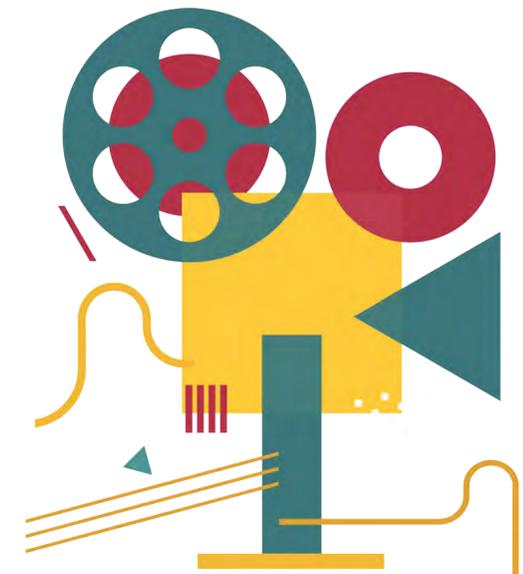
Strategic partnerships



MEMBERSHIPS, ORGANIZATIONS, AFFILIATES AND PARTNERSHIPS



Internships and Employment of VCDMA students and alumni



PG FILM FESTIVAL

“Filmmaking is a miracle of collaboration.”

- James McAvoy



LAIKA ANIMATION STUDIO

HFR PRESENTS //

ICON 360

FUNDING BIPOC DESIGNERS

GAP

HFR

HARLEM'S FASHION ROW

VISUAL COMMUNICATION & DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS











Black Box Theater













FINE ARTS

FINE ARTS (BA)

With deep connections to the vibrant arts and culture hubs in the Washington/Baltimore area, Bowie State's Fine and Performing Arts Center is the ideal environment to grow as an artist.

Our talented faculty help students harness creativity, self-expression, culture and history to develop their own concepts from ideation to execution. More than just an undergraduate major, our fine arts program greatly enhances the community with diverse performances and exhibits, as well as a quality pool of arts experts ready to teach in local schools. Students seeking a bachelor's degree in fine arts can narrow their focus of study with a concentration in **Art (Studio), Music or Music Technology**. Students can also minor in one of these areas and/or in **Museum Studies** and **Visual Culture**.

FINE ARTS

FINE ARTS (BA)

Showcase: The Bowie State University Gallery of Art, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, provides a venue where students can display their art and gain community exposure.

Practice: Dancers and musicians can sharpen their skills in one of several rehearsal spaces including the movement studio, band room and Steinway piano rooms. Additionally, visual artists have access to studios for printmaking, drawing and painting, ceramics, sculpture photography and computer graphics.

POWELL STAN















CAREER PATHS

Fine arts graduates have a wide range of career opportunities to consider including, but not limited to:

Architect

Archivist

Art buyer

Art gallery director

Art historian

Art teacher

Art therapist

Band director

Composer

Exhibition designer

Illustrator

Industrial designer

Interior decorator

Landscape designer

Museum curator

Musician

Music producer

Photographer

Pianist

Sculptor

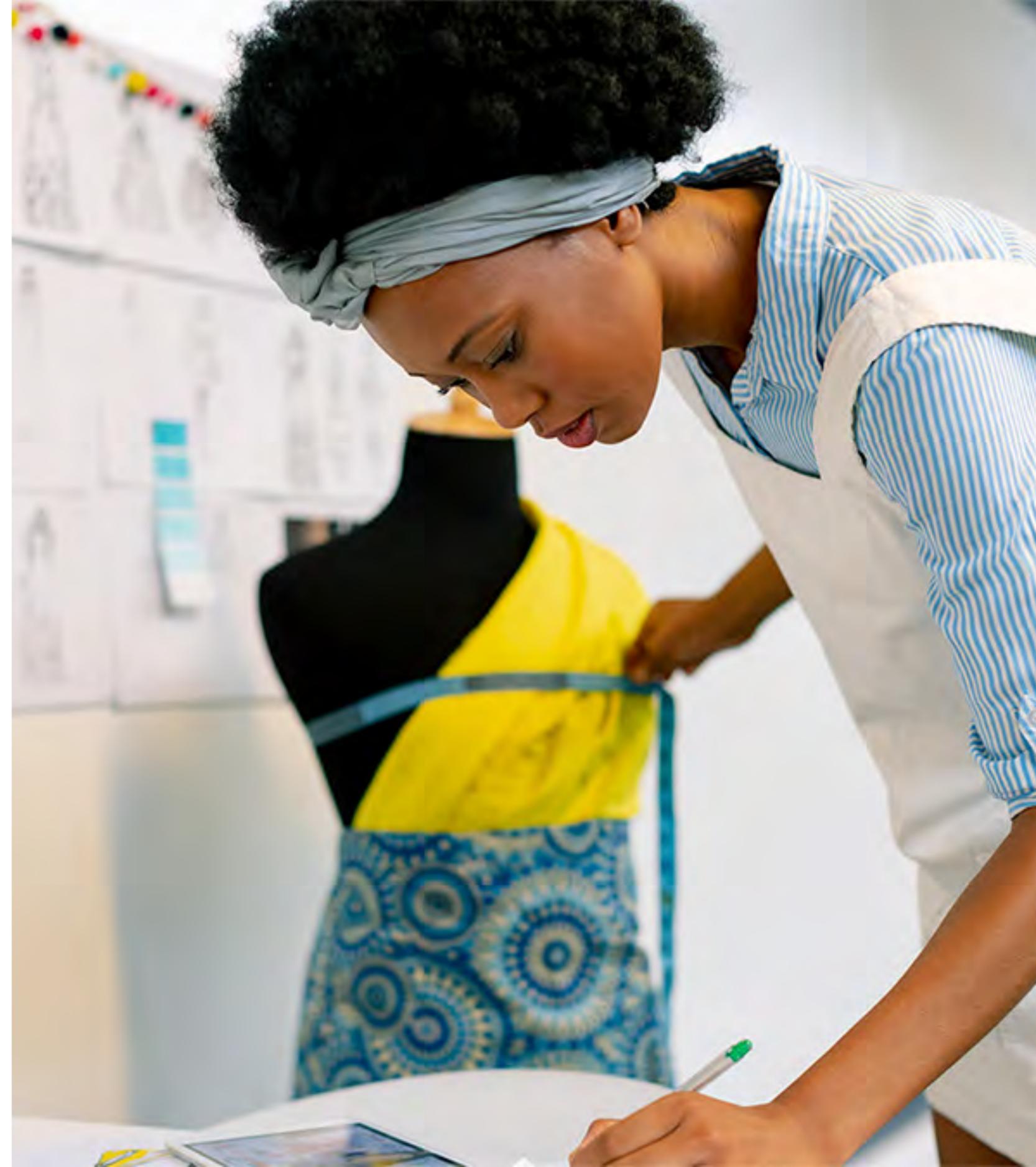
Studio artist

University lecturer

Urban planner

Vocalist





THEATRE ARTS

THEATRE ARTS (BS)

From acting and directing, to scene lighting and design, Bowie State's theater arts program provides exposure in all aspects of theater. Housed in our state-of-the-art Fine and Performing Arts Center, students have ample space to refine their performance and production skills in plays, musicals and dance. Additionally, the Washington, DC, and Baltimore metro areas are prime locations for students to gain real-life industry experience in local professional theaters. Bowie State offers a bachelor's degree in theater arts, with a choice of studies in with tracks in **Acting & Directing or Dance and Movement Studies**. The program also offers minors in theater arts or dance. Through mentorship and practical training, graduates emerge from the program with strong technical skills and a unique artistic vision. Students will:

- Understand the fundamentals of theater and explore specialized skills in acting, directing, stagecraft, children's theatre, dance and playwriting.
- Analyze a variety of performance and dramatic texts.
- Effectively utilize voice and body as an instrument of performance.
- Learn the art of self-promotion in the business of theatre and dance.

THEATRE ARTS

FINE ARTS (BA)

Perform: [BSU Theatre](#) produces multiple productions per season and hosts student-led projects like the annual 10-Minute Play Festival. Our [Fine and Performing Arts Center](#) features a 400-seat Main Stage Theater, a 200-seat Black Box Theater and a 90-seat Movement Studio.

Join: **Organizations** like the **Theatre Guild** and **Alpha Psi Omega Honor Society, The National Dance Education Organization** and more provide a great community for students interested in theater to connect with like-minded peers.







CAREER PATHS

Theatre arts graduates have a wide range of career opportunities to consider including, but not limited to:

Actor (Theatre, TV & Film)

Acting Coach

Artistic Director

Dancer

Choreographer

Dialect Coach

Dramaturg

Director

Drama/Theatre Teacher

Lighting designer

Illustrator

Playwright

Producer

Set Designer

Stage Manager

Sound Technician

VCDMA

VISUAL COMMUNICATION & DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS (BS)

The VCDMA program's multidisciplinary curriculum merges art, design, digital media production, technology and business/marketing. Additionally, strategic partnerships with other academic programs at Bowie State and professional organizations in the community enhance the learning experience for our students. The program is a BS degree with a concentration in either **Advertising Design, Animation & Motion Graphics, Digital Cinema and Time-Based Media, Digital Media Arts** or **Fashion Design**. Students can also minor in one of these areas and/or in **Hip-Hop Studies** and **Visual Culture, the 1st at an HBCU and USM institution and one of the only hip-hop programs in in the country.**

Students will:

- Strengthen their skills by applying the key principles of art and design, animation, cinema and fashion design
- Study the artists, innovators, filmmakers and designers who have contributed to design, technology, entertainment and media arts.
- Conduct collaborative research to broaden their technical expertise in the visual and media arts.
- Explore art and self-expression to enhance their cultural and artistic growth and also appreciate culture and diversity.

VCDMA

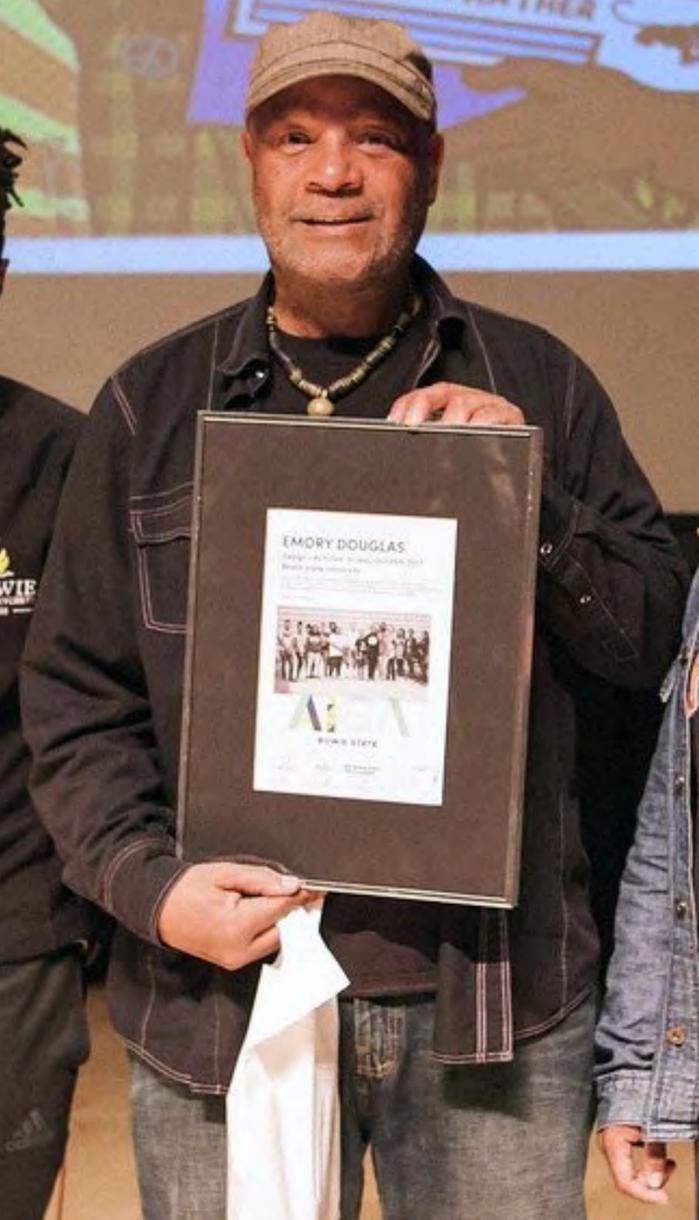
VISUAL COMMUNICATION & DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS (BS)

Grow: Our state-of-the-art facilities—including multimedia production and computer labs, a stop-motion animation studio, a fashion design studio, high-end video editing suite and art studios—provide a rich learning environment for students to hone their creative skills.

Join: The [Bowie State student chapter of AIGA](#) (DC), the oldest and largest professional membership organization for design, brings together practitioners, enthusiasts and patrons to amplify the voice of design and create the vision for a collective future. The [BSU Artists Guild](#) is another student-based visual arts organization. We are also a member of the National Retail Federation. Connect with Laika studios, A+E Networks, Tapestry (Coach, Kate Spade), ICON 360 and Harlem Fashion Row, HBCU in LA, PG Film Festival, PG Arts and Humanities Council, Megamind Media, Octet Productions and other design, fashion, film, animation companies, organizations and studios.

Showcase: Students have the opportunity gain community exposure by displaying their art in the Bowie State University Gallery of Art, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center. Students are also able to showcase their work through screenings, undergraduate research and by submitting film and animated productions to various festivals, competitions and more. Fashion design showcases, fashion shows, networking and career building opportunities are just some of the great activities VCDMA has to offer.







FRONTIER



FREEDOM
and
JUSTICE
cannot be parceled
out in pieces to suit
political convenience.
I don't believe you
can stand for one
group of people and
deny it to others.

Coretta Scott King



CAREER PATHS

VCDMA graduates have a wide range of career opportunities to consider including, but not limited to:

Animator

Art Director

Creative Director

Entrepreneur

Fashion Designer

Art teacher

Filmmaker

Film Editor

Digital Production Artist

Production Designer

Concept Artist

Exhibition designer

Illustrator

Graphic designer

Interior decorator

Motion graphics designer

Museum curator

Photojournalist

Production Assistant

Photographer

Stylist

Visual Artist

Studio artist

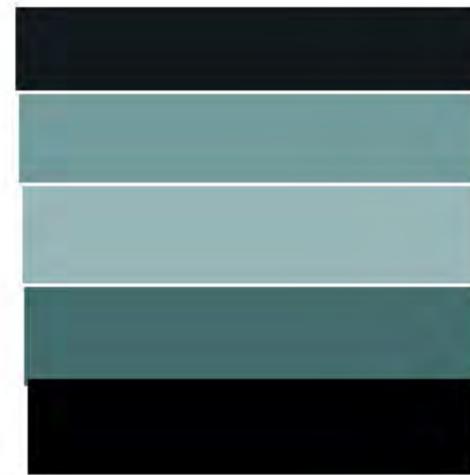
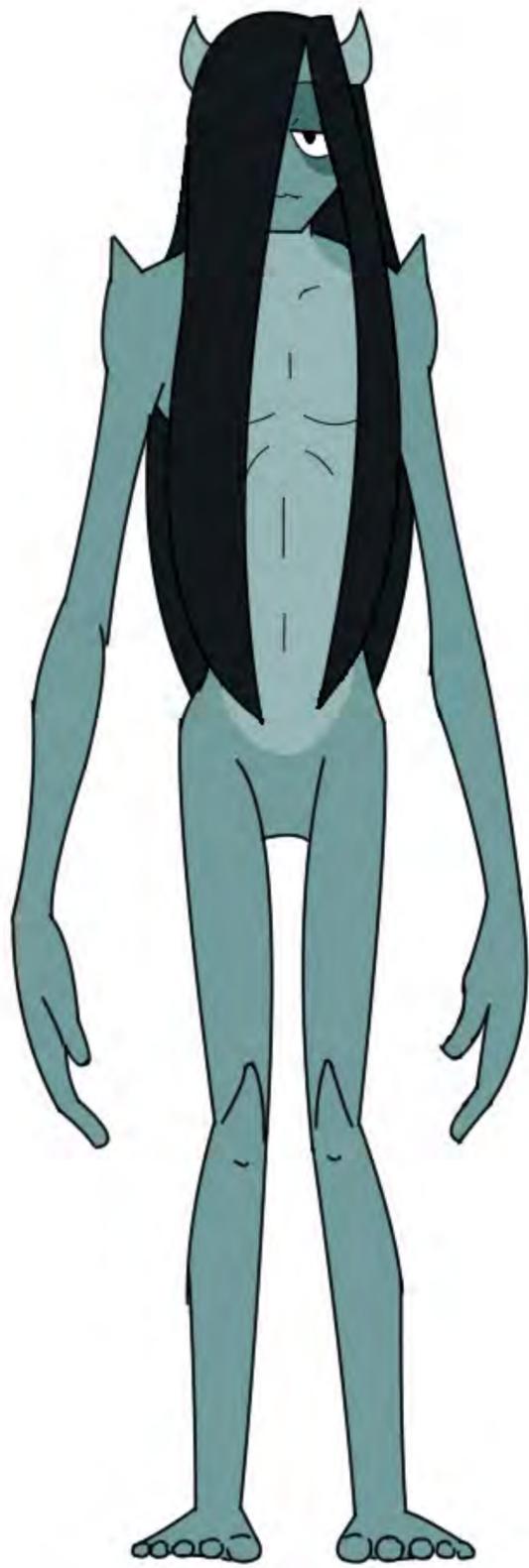
Transmedia Producer

Video Game Artist

Web Designer

Visual Effects Artist

Social Media Designer









FPAC/VCDMA

GREEN SCREEN STUDIO



SLATES FOR SARAH

PROB.	<i>Secrets</i>		
ROLL	<i>1/3</i>	SCENE	<i>1C</i>
DIRECTOR	JUWAN LEE		
CAMERA	BRUCE COLE		
TAKE	<i>4</i>		
FPS	<i>23.98</i>		
DATE	<i>11/06/15</i>		
Day	Night	Int	Ext

VCDMA DIGITAL CINEMA STUDENTS ON THE SET
SECRETS



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BSU GALLERY OF ART | DEPARTMENT OF FINE & PERFORMING ARTS



A Multimedia Art Exhibition Inspired By Hip-Hop, Jazz And Martial Arts

SOUND PATTERNS

FEB 22 - MARCH 16, 2018



SHAOLIN **Jazz**



VINCEAUN MINTO



Assistant Camera Trainee
Laika Studios
DFPA Studio Arts, '21

LAIKA



FILMS
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Destiny Jackson

Bowie State University
Creative Producing Intern

Spring 2022 Intern

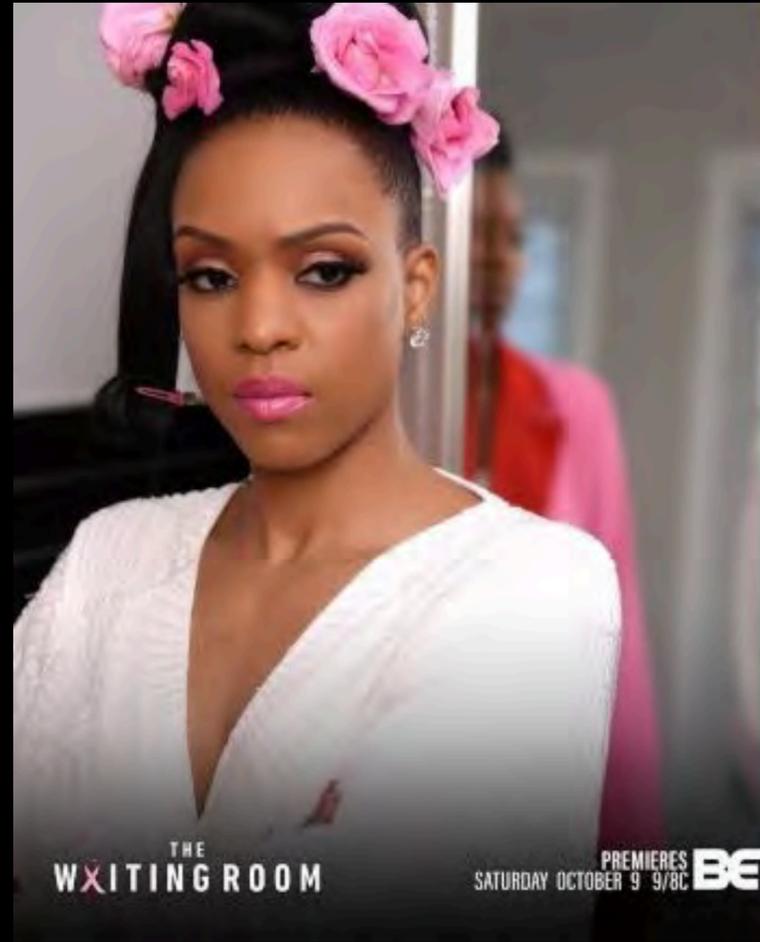
Destiny Jackson, Senior, VCDMA, Digital Cinema & Time-Based Media



GREEN SCREEN STUDIO/STOP-MOTION ANIMATION LAB (2022)

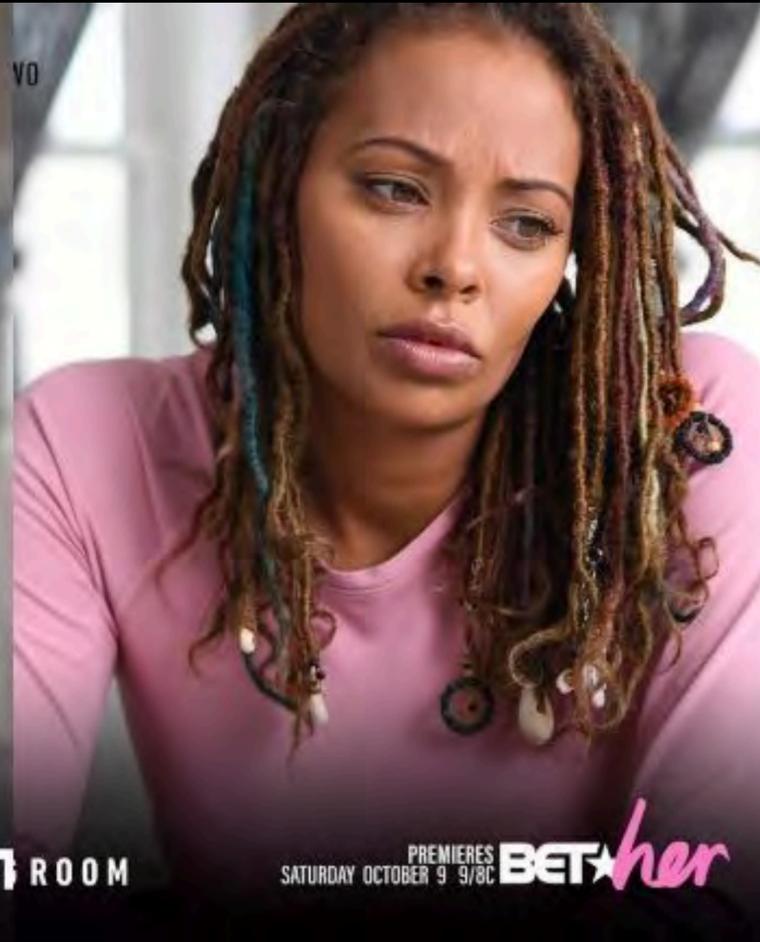


VCDMA DIGITAL CINEMA STUDENTS ON THE SET
SECRETS



THE
WAITING ROOM

PREMIERES
SATURDAY OCTOBER 9 9/8C **BET ROOM**



PREMIERES
SATURDAY OCTOBER 9 9/8C **BET her**

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BET★ *her* PRESENTS

THE  COUCH





MEGAMIND MEDIA





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SECRETS



HARLEM FASHION ROW



VISUAL COMMUNICATION & DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS

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VISUAL COMMUNICATION & DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS











ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

BSU/VCDMA STUDENTS PROFESSORS, CHARLESTON, SC



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Bulldog
UNIVERSITY

BOWIE
BULLDOGS
STATE

pride
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and personal worth

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BSU/VCDMA STUDENTS PROFESSORS, CHARLESTON, SC



ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

BSU/VCDMA STUDENTS PROFESSORS, CHARLESTON, SC



A vibrant sunset scene with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a shimmering reflection on the water. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, red, and purple. The text 'DFPA' is overlaid in the center in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

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