

Hello/Hola/Salut/こんにちは from the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies!

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1) STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We congratulate the following English Majors for earning a spot on the Fall 2025 Dean's List thanks to having a GPA of 3.5 or higher:

Berellyn Alberca
Mikala Barber
Aaliyah Coates
Amberleigh Curry
Ranesia Duval
Grace Edmonds
Kai Hall
Sean Henderson
Nyela Hendrix
Amara Hill
Bryanna Hurst
Taylor Johnson
Racquel Lee
Kevin Lopez-Cruz
Iliana Mays
Lynn Obianwu
Hezekiah Phelps
Sierra Smith



Dr. Michael Becker and Dr. Jason Rose as well as five Writing Center consultants presented at the [Mid-Atlantic Writing Centers Association \(MAWCA\) conference](#) at Coppin State University. The presentations were as follows:

"Demographic Study of Bowie State University Writing Center Users (Fall 2025)" **Mikala Barber, Ranesia Duval, Charles Gasque Jr., Ryan Nicholson, & Keturah Omo-Osagie**

"Making the Writing Center as a Place for Play" **Dr. Jason Rose**

"What Became of Our Idea of 'Our Very Ideal' Tutoring Space" **Dr. Michael Becker**

2) ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Joseph Vivens (English BA, 2023) debuted his film *S.O.S.* at the Maryland Film Festival on April 11. You can learn more about the film on its website: WhereisEvan.co.

3) FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Drs. Kim Evelyn and Sabbah Uddin** received a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) mini-grant. Their research project examines how English majors in the Capstone Course reflect on their time in the program through the use of Adobe Portfolio. A report will be shared with the Department. Dr. Uddin also received a SoTL mini-grant for a separate project.
- **Professors Tanya McInnis and Nicole Wilson** presented "Johnny Texted Me He'll Be Late" at Hawks Learning on strategic methods for creating engaging and collaborative classroom environments.
- **Professor Murray** delivered a Black History Month presentation on African-American historic sites in Philadelphia and New Jersey, hosted at the Philadelphia Public Library. Professor Murray was commissioned by the Philadelphia Eagles to write stories on Reggie White, Hugh Douglas, and the first Black host of *NFL Today*.
- **Professor Burris** installed new Alpha Chi Honor Society officers at their March 27 meeting.

- **Dr. David Kaloustian** presented his research paper “Ruining the Sacred Truths: Formalist Orthodoxies and Their Legacies at the College English Association , Mid-Atlantic Group’s 68th Annual Conference on April 10 at the University of the District of Columbia.



- **Drs. Michael Becker and Jason Rose** attended the second annual Prince George’s County Public Schools Teen Writers Conference at Oxon Hill High School on behalf of BSU’s Writing Center. They presented on the use of figurative language along with three BSU undergraduate students: **Ryan Nicholson, Maya Swen, and Sean Henderson.**

4) FACULTY IN MEMORIAM



It is with deepest sympathy that we announce the passing of **Professor Albertina Lane**, adjunct professor of English in the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies. Professor Lane taught at the university for fifteen years and managed scholarships for English Majors through the Mitchellville Chapter of The National Drifters.

5) FALL AND SUMMER COURSES

Meet with your Academic Advisor ASAP so you can register for your Fall and Summer courses.

ENGL 210: Intro to English Grammar - T/R 11:00 - Dr. Thomas
 ENGL 210: Intro to English Grammar - T/R 12:30 - Dr. Zoulagh
 ENGL 211: Literatures of the World - 1st 7 Weeks - Dr. Sierra
 ENGL 211: Literatures of the World - 2nd 7 Weeks - Dr. Sierra
 ENGL 213: Cinema of Africa & African Diaspora - MWF 1:00 - Dr. Love
 ENGL 236: Intro to Literature - MWF 10:00 - TBA
 ENGL 250: Intro to Film - MWF 12:00 - Dr. Kaloustian
 ENGL 254: Queer Cultural Studies - T/R 11:00 - Dr. Sierra
 ENGL 265: Social Identity & Dress - T/R 12:30 - Dr. Uddin
 ENGL 301: British Literature I - T/R 9:30 - Dr. Sierra
 ENGL 316: American Literature I - MWF 9:00 - TBA
 ENGL 324: African-American Literature I - MWF 1:00 - Dr. Love

6) END-OF-SEMESTER CELEBRATION: MAY 7



The poster features a large white circle on a black background containing text. To the right, there is a circular inset image of a man speaking at a podium. Below the main circle, there is a photograph of a woman smiling. The text inside the circle reads: BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY, Department of Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies, Join us for an inspiring End of Semester SYMPOSIUM Celebrating Student Excellence in Writing & Scholarship, DATE: May 7, 2026, TIME: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM, LOCATION: Martin Luther King Jr. Center, Room 1340, and EVENT HIGHLIGHTS: Student presentations & readings, Research Disseminations, Q&A with presenters, and Light Refreshments.

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7) PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Archives, History, Heritage, Advanced (AHHA) Internship Program – Fall 2026

Mode: Remote & onsite available

Eligibility: Undergraduate juniors and seniors, graduate students, and recent graduates; U.S. citizens

Schedule: Part-time, 20 hours per week, Monday – Friday

Program Dates: Sep. 8 – Nov. 13, 2026

Focus: AHHA gives the next generation of archivists and knowledge workers invaluable opportunities to analyze, organize, and interpret collections or programs that help share the story of the American experience. Internships and projects will heighten visibility for Library resources that represent the rich heritage of the United States.

Deadline: Apr. 20, 2026

Click here to learn more and apply: [AHHA 2026 How to Apply Guide](#)

8) SIGMA TAU DELTA



Sigma Tau Delta welcomes new members.

Membership Requirements:

- Candidates for undergraduate membership must have completed a minimum of two college courses in English language or literature beyond the usual requirements in freshman English. The candidate must have a minimum of a B or equivalent average in English and in general scholarship and must have completed at least three semesters or five quarters of college course work. Candidates for undergraduate membership need not be majoring or minoring in the discipline of English.

- Candidates for graduate membership who did not hold undergraduate membership must be enrolled in a graduate program in English or one of its specializations, have completed six semester hours of graduate work or the equivalent, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.

- Lifetime Membership Fee: \$80. \$40 goes to the Nu Nu chapter, which will bestow you with Honor Cords and a Medallion at your Induction Ceremony that you can wear during graduation. The other \$40 goes to Sigma Tau Delta's national office, which will supply you with your Sigma Tau Delta society pin and certificate. **LLCS can help pay for your membership fees.**

Email **Dr. Kim Evelyn** for more information: kevelyn@bowiestate.edu

To learn more about Membership Benefits, please click here: <https://english.org/join-us/membership-benefits/>