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The BSU Philanthropy Initiative Celebrates the Completion of its 3rd Class of Philanthropy Fellows

Bowie State University is proud to join the BSU Philanthropy Initiative (BSUPI) in honoring the achievements of 6 BSU College of Business graduate students who successfully completed their year-long placements in foundations and other nonprofit organizations.



Fellowship Class of 2025 (Left to Right):

Top: Drs. Wendy M. Edmonds and James B. Hyman with President Aminta H. Breaux and Drs. Regina Tawah and Guy-Alain Amoussou

Bottom: Britney Guillory, Charnell Ferguson, Ahja Mays, Sarah Moore, and Telecia Farmer

The BSU Philanthropy Fellowship, which launched in 2022, is a full-time, paid, practicum experience that prepares students for management careers in sectors that are pivotal to the development and delivery of services important to the well-being of poor and marginalized peoples and communities. Since its inception, the program has graduated 18 Philanthropy Fellows. Of them, 82% have assumed management positions in nonprofit organization and 45% are employed in philanthropy.

“We owe a great deal of gratitude to the organizations that provide the financial support and mentoring for our Fellows – The Annie E. Casey Foundation, ABFE: A Philanthropic Partnership for Black Communities, CLLCTIVLY, The Grand Victoria Foundation, PEAK Grantmaking, and the TIDES Network,” said Dr. James Hyman, Founder of BSUPI and the Fellowship. “Their commitment to establishing career pipelines for BSU students provides the energy and resources we need to continue moving forward.”

“BSUPI and the Philanthropy Fellowship fill a large void in preparing professionals for jobs in these fields. Most who enter these occupations do so more by accident or word of mouth than through any organized series of planned exposures or curricula,” says Susan Taylor-Batten, President and CEO of ABFE and member of the BSUPI Advisory Board. “Our program is providing the training and shadowing that makes our Fellows competitive for these jobs and effective as managers. So, we are pleased with our success but are looking to recruit more partnering organizations so we can offer more opportunities to more BSU students.”

The Philanthropy Fellowship will onboard its 4th class of Fellows in July.