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WINTER COMMENCEMENT

LEONIDAS S. JAMES PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX



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AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

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PRESIDENT, BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Aminta H. Breaux

PRESIDENT, BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY



Dr. Aminta H. Breaux has served as the visionary 10th president of Bowie State University since July 2017, bringing more than 30 years of diverse higher education leadership experience to the position. As president, she is committed to ensuring that every student at Bowie State University develops an entrepreneurial mindset to achieve success in the rapidly changing workplace and communities. Dr. Breaux initiated a university-wide focus to infuse entrepreneurship education across the disciplines and has led the effort to build an Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community, slated to open in fall 2021. She is dedicated to building on the legacy and rich history of Maryland's oldest historically Black university with a strategic focus on ensuring the long-term viability of the institution.

Dr. Breaux is a leading voice in 21st century education, and because of her extensive knowledge and expertise, she has been tapped to serve in multiple leadership roles. She was appointed to the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the Governor's P-20 Leadership Council of Maryland. She is vice chair for the Board of Directors for the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA).

Dr. Breaux is committed to serving her community, particularly with programs and support activities that enrich the lives of children and youth. She is a member of the board of directors for the Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable, Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce and the University of Maryland Capital Region Health. Previously, she was on the board of directors for Leadership Lancaster, Philadelphia Insurance Companies, SCORE of Lancaster-Lebanon, the Lancaster City Alliance, the American Cities Foundation, Philadelphia Academies, and Dancing Classrooms Philly. She also served on the resource board for the United Way and on the mission and community benefit committee of Lancaster General Health. She is an emeritus trustee of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia after serving there for 16 years. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Strada Education Network.

Her recent honors include the Educator of the Year Award from the National Council of Negro Women. She also received the Trailblazer Award from the Bowie Business Innovation Center (BIC), the business accelerator located at Bowie State, in conjunction with Capital One, and the Capital City Chapter Links Inc. Leadership Award.

She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Temple University, a master's degree in psychological services in education from the University of Pennsylvania, and a doctorate in counseling psychology from Temple University. She is also a graduate of the Harvard Institute for Executive Management and the American Association for State Colleges and Universities Millennium Leadership Institute.

Dr. Breaux and her husband, Melvin – a former partner of Drinker Biddle & Reath – have three daughters and three grandchildren.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Johnny C. Taylor, Jr.

PRESIDENT & CEO, SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT



Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., SHRM-SCP, is President and Chief Executive Officer of SHRM, the Society for Human Resource Management. With over 300,000 members in 165 countries, SHRM is the largest HR professional association in the world, impacting the lives of 115 million workers every day.

As a global leader on the future of employment, culture and leadership, Mr. Taylor is a sought-after voice on all matters affecting work, workers, and the workplace. He is frequently asked to testify before Congress on critical workforce issues and authors the weekly *USA Today* column, "Ask HR."

Mr. Taylor's career spans over 20 years as a lawyer, human resources executive and CEO in both the not-for-profit and for-profit space. He has held senior and

chief executive roles at IAC/Interactive Corp, Viacom's Paramount Pictures, Blockbuster Entertainment Group, the McGuireWoods law firm, and Compass Group USA. Most recently, Mr. Taylor was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

He is the author of the national bestseller, *RESET: A Leader's Guide to Work in an Age of Upheaval*, which delivers a candid and forward-thinking vision for leaders to reimagine their company cultures in a time of global upheaval and presents data-driven strategies to make the necessary foundational reset of all things work. Immediately upon its release in September 2021, *RESET* was in the top three of the Wall Street Journal's list of best-selling hardcover business books. All author proceeds benefit the SHRM Foundation, which is committed to empowering HR as a social force for change.

He was appointed chairman of the President's Advisory Board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and served as a member of the White House American Workforce Policy Advisory Board during the Trump Administration. He is a Trustee of the University of Miami, Governor of the American Red Cross, and member of the corporate boards of Guild Education, iCIMS, and XPO Logistics (NYSE: XPO).

In 2020, Mr. Taylor received the Distinguished Executive of the Year Award from the Academy of Management, and he was named 2021 ALA Professional Society CEO of the Year by CEO Update.

He is a Fellow of the National Academy of Human Resources and is licensed to practice law in Florida, Illinois and Washington, D.C.

In recognition of his many accomplishments, Bowie State University will present Dr. Taylor with an Honorary Degree of Humane Letters.

THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

Dr. Aminta H. Breaux
President of the University, Presiding

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

POSTING OF THE COLORS

BSU Army Reserve Officers Training Corps



“THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER”

by Frances Scott Key



“LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING”

by James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson
Led by the BSU Madrigal Singers



MOMENTS OF REFLECTIONS

Led by **Dr. William Lewis**
Mace Bearer



GREETINGS

Ms. Akira White
President, Senior Class

Ms. Tiffany Eller
Representative, Graduate Student Association

Mr. Ayotola “Tola” Oludayo
Student Regent, University System of Maryland Board of Regents



SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Karen J. Shaheed, Esq.
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Chief of Staff



“WHEN I HAVE SUNG MY SONGS”

Composed by Ernest Charles
Performed by Ms. Carmen Wilkins, Soprano

Dr. Marymal L. Holmes
Accompanist



INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Dr. Aminta H. Breaux
President



COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Mr. Johnny C. Taylor, Jr
President & CEO, Society for Human Resource Management

THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

“IN HIS GRACE”

Composed by Ayatey Shabazz
Performed by the Bowie State University Symphonic Band
Mr. Billy Bennett
Director



CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Candidates for Degrees presented by
Dr. Carl B. Goodman
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Cosmas Nwokeafor
Dean, Graduate School

Dr. George Acquah
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Lawrence McNeil
Dean, College of Business

Dr. Rhonda Jeter
Dean, College of Education

Dr. Cheryl Blackman
Interim Dean, College of Professional Studies



RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES

Dr. Carl B. Goodman



INDUCTION INTO THE BSU NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Mr. Darren M. Swain
President, BSU National Alumni Association



CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES

Dr. Aminta H. Breaux



ALMA MATER

Led by the BSU Madrigal Singers



RETIRING OF THE COLORS

BSU Army Reserve Officers Training Corps



ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL

MUSIC

Alma Mater

Charlotte B. Robinson

There's a spot in my heart that never grows cold,
There's a place in my memory that never grows old.
There's a prayer on my lips that I'll ever be true
To God and my country,
To Bowie State, my school.

(REFRAIN)

Oh, Bowie State, dear Bowie State
May you forever be, the flame of faith,
The torch of truth,
To guide the steps of youth.

There's a song in my heart that I'll ever sing
Of the beauties of Bowie State that each season brings.
There's a pledge in my heart that I'll ever keep true
To uphold the standards of Bowie State, my school.

(REFRAIN)

Oh, Bowie State, dear Bowie State
May you forever be, the flame of faith,
The torch of truth,
To guide the steps of youth.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

DEGREES CONFERRED

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

Doctor of Science in Computer Science
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership
Master of Arts
Master of Arts in Teaching
Master of Business Administration
Master of Education
Master of Public Administration
Master of Science
Master of Science in Management Information Systems
Master of Science in Nursing

THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science

The list of candidates for graduation was prepared within the time limits imposed for printing of the program. Therefore, the list of names is not conclusive. **Only those candidates who have met all graduation requirements will be granted a degree.**

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

Doctor of Science in Computer Science

Francis Izuchukwu Onodueze

Damascus, Maryland

M.S. — Bowie State University

B. S. — Imo State University

*“Data Implantation: A Novel Method for Handling
Dataset Imbalance for Rare Event Detection in
Machine Learning”*

James Saunders Stigall Jr.*

Blackstone, Virginia

B.S. — Saint Paul’s College

M.S. — Virginia State University

*“Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality
Instructional Modules for
Education and Training”*

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Frances Joann Austin

Fort Washington, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

M.Ed. — Bowie State University

*“Do Educators Know Who They Are Teaching?
A Case Study on the Impact of
Teach for America Educators on the
Academic Achievement of a
Predominantly African American
Middle School in North Carolina”*

Haroon Faheem Rashed

Gwynn Oak, Maryland

B.A. — Morehouse College

M.Ed. — Loyola College

*“Gender Differences in Mathematics Achievement
in Urban Charter Middle School Student”*

Ernese DeShanta Lawson-Watters

Silver Spring, Maryland

B.S. — Metropolitan College

M.S. — City University of New York

*“Principals’ Leadership Style in Correlation to
Teachers’ Job Satisfaction, Turnover, and the
Impact on Student Achievement”*

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THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Arts and Sciences

MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Tolisha Hopkins

Waldorf, Maryland

B.S. — University of the
District of Columbia

Shannon A. Ferguson

Silver Spring, Maryland

B.S. — Coppin State University

MASTER OF ARTS IN ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Oluwatomilayo Adunbarin

Lothian, Maryland

B.S. — University of Ilorin

Waad Ali Alferaehy*

Fairfax, Virginia

B.S. — Marymount University

Abdulaziz Mohammed

Alghaith

Alexandria, Virginia

B.S. — Yanbu Industrial College

Fahad Hamound M. Alharbi

Vienna, Virginia

B.S. — King Abdulaziz University

Bander Abdulaziz

Alhussain*

Fairfax, Virginia

B.A. — King Abdulaziz

University

Ashley Lauren Arnold*

Brandywine, Maryland

B.S. — Salisbury University

Nawaf Hazza Almutairi

Alexandria, Virginia

B.S. — King Abdulaziz University

Marquis Michale Harris

Columbia, Maryland

B.A. — Shaw University

Samar Rahim

Brooklyn, Maryland

B.S. — University of Maryland

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Ikechuk Emmanuel Akujobi

Washington, D.C.

B.S. — University of Maryland

Ibeawuchi Bryant Anokam

Hyattsville, Maryland

B.S. — Howard University

Monya Apamuh

Bowie, Maryland

B.S. — University of Douala

Chevean A. Richards*

Hyattsville, Maryland

B.S. — University of Maryland

Phoenix O. Young

Clarksburg, Maryland

B.S. — University of Maryland

College of Business

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Glendon Avery Gragg

Tulsa, Oklahoma

B.S. — University of Tulsa

Desiree Margaret Ibe

Silver Spring, Maryland

B.S. — University of Gambia

Kelly Alexander Labidou

Laurel, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Evan Richard Turzanski

Owings, Maryland

B.S. — University of Maryland

Keniya L. Walker

Salisbury, Maryland

B.S. — Salisbury University

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Aluin Kwami Acheampong

District Heights, Maryland

B.A. — Morgan State University

Ronal Anastacio

Avila-Norales

Washington, D.C.

B.A. — Francisco Morazan

National Pedagogical University

Malik D. Brown

Clinton, Maryland

B.S. — Pennsylvania State

University

Jaylen Lamar

Byrdsong-Powell

Washington, D.C.

B.S. — Bowie State University

Jynnea Melisa Campbell

Columbia, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Terence Drew Collins

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

B.S. — Benedict College

Megan Ann Finnerty*

Crownsville, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Nicole Anita Greene

Temple Hills, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Vincent D. Harrington

Bowie, Maryland

B.S. — University of Maryland

Latoya G. Johnson

Glen Burnie, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Lydia Labidou

Laurel, Maryland

B.S. — Brooklyn College

Amanda Tarakidzwa Maringe

Lanham, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Travis Jamal Martin

Fort Pierce, Florida

B.S. — University of

South Florida

Indira Adaku Obichere

Bowie, Maryland

B.S. — Frostburg State University

Darris Alexander Sconion*

Havre De Grace, Maryland

B.S. — Frostburg State University

Aliyah Tahaya Smith

Waldorf, Maryland

B.S. — Morgan State University

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THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Business

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION *continued*

Stephanie Spencer
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — North Carolina
Central University

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Ayandayo Mary Adeleke
Waldorf, Maryland
B.S. — Ekiti State University

Rowaidaa Adnan Albahlool
Nottingham, Maryland
B.S. — King Abdulaziz University

Prashanth Reddy Gollamudi
Silver Spring, Maryland
B.S. — Jawaharalal Nehru
Technological University

**Whenumbe Olasumbo
Hundeyin**
Lanham, Maryland
B.S. — Babcock University

Tochukwu Robert Ibe
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — Igbinedion University

Nancy Afia Mantey
Silver Spring, Maryland
B.A. — University of Ghana

Chinyere Nneka Offorbuike
Hyattsville, Maryland
B.S. — Howard University

**Stephen Oladamola
Oyeyemi Olabiyi**
Silver Spring, Maryland
B.S. — Olabisi Onabanjo
University

Abiola Oluwaseyi Olanrewaju
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Lagos State University

Ololade Ayodele Opaola
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Babcock University

Kahsai Turner
Hyattsville, Maryland
B.A. — West Virginia University

College of Education

MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Anika Marcia Brown
Waldorf, Maryland
B.S. — Morgan State University

Taja Crowell*
Oxon Hill, Maryland
B.A. — Benedict College

Tiffany Marie Eller
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Tyler Kristopher Folkman
Stevensville, Maryland
B.S. — Stevenson University

Shatrice D. Harris
Beltsville, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Courtney Anaya Hayes
Columbia, Maryland
B.S. — Hood College

Atoria Chantele Huddleston
Lanham, Maryland
B.S. — University of Iowa

Sarah I. Oduah*
Aberdeen, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Michelle Valerie Oliver
Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland

Tori Lashirl Scruggs*
District Heights, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Christina Lynn Wiley
Potomac, Maryland
B.S. — Frostburg State University

MASTER OF ARTS IN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Taniyah Imani Abdullbarr
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

Fedeline Appolon
Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland

Christine A. Barry
Frederick, Maryland
B.S. — Frostburg State University

Chantel Le-Shay Broxton*
Germantown, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland

Omolola Kate Eboda
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Lee University

Alexus Nicole Ford
Silver Spring, Maryland
B.S. — High Point University

Kayla Brionne Griffin
Gwynn Oak, Maryland
B.S. — Morgan State University

James Lorenzo Howard*
Joppa, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

**Stephanie Shavon
Lewis-Hawkins**
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland

Miriam Wairimu Mburu
Gwynn Oak, Maryland
B.S. — Coppin State University

Courtney McCloria Parson
Bowie, Maryland
B.A. — University of Maryland

Shinzira Tenise Shomade
Washington, D.C.
B.S. — Bowie State University

Cheryl Diane Tucker
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland

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THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Education

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

**Augustine Chizoba
Akwarandu**

Hyattsville, Maryland
B.S. — University of Nigeria

Amanda Baret

Port Saint Lucie, Florida
B.S. — University of Florida

Catherine M. Bennett Nwosu

Hyattsville, Maryland
B.S. — Ashford University

**Laeyonna Cheyenne
Blackstone**

Waldorf, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland

Jennifer Chaitin*

Rockville, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

Kayla M. Cohen

Raleigh, North Carolina
B.S. — Valdosta State University

Brooke Mala Evans

Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Deidra Lynne Fryer

Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — Georgia Institute
Technology

Christian Richard Gibbs

Silver Spring, Maryland
B.S. — Howard University

Raven Nicole Harris

Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Kiera Janea Holmes

Greenbelt, Maryland
B.S. — Winston-Salem
State University

Samantha Noel Kelsey

Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Howard University

Michelle McCray

Washington, D.C.
B.A. — University of Maryland

Romance Simpson*

Bowie, Maryland
B.A. — Virginia Union University

Deja Marie Smith

Fredericksburg, Virginia
B.S. — Old Dominion University

Ann Elaine St. Hill–

St. Lawrence

Baltimore, Maryland
B.A. — Montgomery College

Nicole Danielle Williams

Alexandria, Virginia
B.S. — North Carolina A&T
State University

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN READING

Marshanell Glee*

Lexington Park, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOL COUNSELING

Zakiya Zahra Hutchinson

Fort Washington, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

Jenelle Breanna Mathis

Waldorf, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Nakeia Valentine*

Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Sharon Marie Washington

Silver Spring, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Bria N. Williams

Clinton, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

**Alyssa Lauren Cochrane-
Grannum**

Springdale, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

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THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Professional Studies

MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

**Abdulaziz Abdullah
Alabdullah***

Arlington, Virginia

B.S. — Saud Islamic University

**Abdulmajeed Ayad
Almutairi***

Rockville, Maryland

B.S. — Saud Islamic University

Desmonaye Travonia Brown

Spencerville, Maryland

B.S. — Morgan State University

Jordan J. Crocket

Fort Washington, Maryland

B.S. — University of Albany

Darien Ita Ford

Baltimore, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Alexis Andrea Frazier

Beltsville, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Javay Chantay Holmes

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

B.A. — Claflin University

Lorraine T. Kittrell*

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Tene Latisha Lewis

Wheaton, Maryland

B.S. — University of Maryland

Lanika L. Lloyd

Baltimore, Maryland

B.S. — Morgan State University

Tamika Mona Lloyd

Suitland, Maryland

B.S. — Morgan State University

Deborah Okanlawon

Laurel, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Renee Perry

Waldorf, Maryland

B.S. — Salisbury University

Ariel Nikole Roland

Accokeek, Maryland

B.S. — Frostburg State University

Rochelle Alexis Ross

Lanham, Maryland

B.S. — Trinity Washington

University

Brianna Renee Simpson

Towson, Maryland

B.S. — Virginia Union University

Jason Gavin Tiwari*

Bowie, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Bryan A. Tucker-Bey*

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Tymica Waters

Waldorf, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Heidi Carolyn Wood

Gambrills, Maryland

B.S. — University of Maryland

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THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Latin Honors

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Bailey Bautista
Nicholas S. Cavanaugh
Kyle Christofer M Fernandez
Elesha M. Jackson
Jasmyn A. Stewart
Brianna L. Taylor
Karla Vanessa Vanegas-Cueva
Alexis Nichelle Wallace

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Henry O. Acosta Garcia
Bisola T. Akindolire
Hend Abdullah S. Alamri
Julia Allen
Osamah Fahad Alsraiheed
Michelle Ananym Dzeinse
Raven M. Bell
Tania J. Brown
Cameron Elijah Burnette
Fatih Muhammed Dondurur
Shirley Ekwede
Glory Nwachinemere Ezeogu
Olajide B. Floyd
Blair A. Hall
Imani Ivory Harvey
Maiah Jones
Chamia N. Lessey
David Lopez
Tasia E. Lyons
JaKobi Mansaray
London M. McAdams
Roosevelt Agum Ndum
Rashonna R. Payne
Emily J. Pitt
Roxana P. Santos
Madison Shelia Simmons
Demetrius E. Smith
Joan M. Sobo
Alexa D. Tolen
Mone Warren
Charles Maurice Wolford

CUM LAUDE

Gbolahan B. Afolabi
Azizat B. Ajiborode
Wakjira Gulumma Alamu
Abdullatif Mohammed
Alrashdi
Komrabai O. Bangura Jr.
Deja D. Brockett
Mecahel Getachew Demissie
John Emmanuel P. Garcia
Rayshan A. Hampton
Morgana L. Johnson
Vanzago Demetrus Johnson II
Sade M. Killette
Kyarra Kinard
Kaila L. Nowlin
Judith Chidiamara Nwachukwu
Dania Alexis Reyes
Ariel M. Rogers
Joshua Stephen Shearard
Boluwatife Temitayo Shekoni

Summa Cum Laude 3.85 — 4.00

Magna Cum Laude 3.65 — 3.84

Cum Laude 3.50 — 3.64

Academic Recognition

Transfer students who have earned 30-59 semester hours at
Bowie State University with a GPA of 3.50 or higher.

Vanessa Nicole Atchley
Ayanna R. Baker
Tamier Andrea Barrett
Emmanuel W. Barrow
Shaunta Michelle Bond
Joshua O. Boykin
Simon E. Buggs
Geradine Cadet-Smith

Ayanna R. Coleman
Glenda Veronica Cruz
Fatou Drammeh
Gianni Latia Glover
Mical Ma'King Lindsay
Jordan Kendall Meads
Raheem Akin Omotosho
Maria Del Refugio Ortiz

Daisy Ramos
Cindy Yanet Segovia-Vanegas
Daronja Micheal Smith
Dajonaire Washington
Celine Alana Wiggs
LaToya N. Williams
Fatima Zahid

This list of Honors and Recognition compiled as of December 10, 2021.

THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Arts and Sciences

BACHELOR OF ART IN ENGLISH

Tilar Lee Roberts
Bowie, Maryland

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN FINE ARTS

Oshe Anthony Derricks
Capitol Heights, Maryland

Tyiah Alexis Dixon
District Heights, Maryland

Kevin L. Hinton III
Capitol Heights, Maryland

Auzsa L. Hopkins
Olney, Maryland

Nevlynn L. Johnson
Silver Spring, Maryland

Vanzago Demetrus Johnson II*
Brandywine, Maryland

Jordan Anthony Marbray
Waldorf, Maryland

Brenden Ross Mellon
Bowie, Maryland

Broderick Lewis Pitts
Laurel, Maryland

Spencer V. Short
Upper Marlboro, Maryland

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

Bisola T. Akindolire
Bowie, Maryland

Michelle Ananym Dzeinse
Odenton, Maryland

Chaney D. Armstead
Columbia, Maryland

Loise-Ashley T. Arrey
Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Marie D. Asmat
Hyattsville, Maryland

Oluseun I. Ayoku
Riverdale, Maryland

Morgan Ball
Baltimore, Maryland

Autumn Andrea Batchelor
Baltimore, Maryland

Azeezat Bayero
Laurel, Maryland

Swadella Chantay Blake
Westminster, Maryland

Christian Maurice Bryant
Middle River, Maryland

Crystal E. Chambers
Baltimore, Maryland

Kalynn T. Cheatham
Baltimore, Maryland

Uchama D. Eni*
Bowie, Maryland

Justin N. Enwereuzo
Silver Spring, Maryland

Anasia C. Hamlett
Columbia, Maryland

**Donovan Markell
Jaquan Harris**
Bowie, Maryland

Derrick A. Hinton
Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Daniella A. Hosten
Temple Hills, Maryland

Takara Renee Jackson
Silver Spring, Maryland

Sarai F. Johnson
Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Brittany Nicole Jones
Beltsville, Maryland

Deshaye Monet Jones
Baltimore, Maryland

Mical Ma'King Lindsay
Laurel, Maryland

Taylor Lloyd
Baltimore, Maryland

**Ansherina Joie Andrade
Montillano**
Bowie, Maryland

Roosevelt Agum Ndum
Landover, Maryland

Ogochukwu S. Nnorom
Bowie, Maryland

Faith O. Omage
Laurel, Maryland

Davis N. Onuma
Laurel, Maryland

Mayowa Obasola Osunsanya
Bowie, Maryland

Hassan Outlaw
Burtonsville, Maryland

Jenna V. Patterson
Glenn Dale, Maryland

Karon K. Robinson
Upper Marlboro, Maryland

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HONORING ONE OF OUR PLATINUM ALUMNI

Mr. McKinley Albert Hayward

CLASS OF 1962



Mr. McKinley Albert Hayward received a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Bowie State University in 1962. While matriculating at BSU, Mr. Hayward was a scholar-athlete serving as a member of both the Track and Field and Basketball teams.

After graduating from Bowie State University, Mr. Hayward was inducted and served in the United States Army as a medic. After serving our country, Mr. Hayward taught middle and high school math in the Talbot County Public School System. During his career he served on various educational committees, became the president of the Talbot County Teacher's Association and served as varsity basketball coach for 23 years. Mr. Hayward retired after 30 years of service in education.

Mr. Hayward has additionally served as the president of both the Bowie State University National Alumni Association and the AAI College Park respectively. He is the current president of the Lower Shore Chapter of the BSU National Alumni Association and the director for Lake Street Playground where he has been affiliated for 50 years.

Mr. Hayward exemplifies **BSU4LIFE** through his consistent support and dedication to his alma mater. "Bowie State College gave me the foundation to be a person. Going to BSU was like home away from home. Our instructors were very caring, and failure was not an option. If one needed assistance the instructors made every effort to reach out to provide the academic and social development needed to enhance our education career. I have made a conscious effort to give back to BSU by enhancing the educational growth of our youth and my beloved alma mater which I love so dearly," he said.

His favorite saying is "You don't have to be a farmer to be outstanding in your field. Just have a mind set on what you want to do. Don't let anyone tell you what you cannot do. If you make your time at Bowie State count, you will be prepared for life!"

ACADEMIC COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

The Medallion



The ceremonial chain is being worn by an increasing number of leaders in higher education. The chain designed for Bowie State University, an institution rich in tradition, is one that depicts the university's heritage.

The ceremonial medallion offers a unique opportunity to honor the presiding president and the former presidents of the university. The Bowie State University medallion includes the university seal, which is three and one-eighth inches in diameter surrounded by a decorative bezel. Each presidential banner that makes up the chain is one and three-eighths inches. Each banner is inscribed with each former president's name and term of office.

The Mace and Academic Regalia

THE MACE

The mace, introduced in twelfth century France by Philip II and in England by Richard I, was designed as an emblem signifying the authority of state officials, sergeants-at-arms, royal bodyguards and ecclesiastical dignitaries. It has been adopted for its symbolism by colleges and universities in the United States and is traditionally borne in academic processions by the faculty marshal.

The Bowie State University mace stands 50 inches tall and contains design details that represent the rich legacy of the institution's history and pay homage to its alma mater. The tapered mahogany staff bears seven, gold-plated engraved banners that designate major epochs in the school's history and changes in its name.

The staff supports an eight-inch brass flame that sits atop a four-sided base, with each side displaying a three-inch, gold-plated medallion. One side of the base features a medallion with the university seal — the opposing side depicts a replica of the African Baptist Chapel on Saratoga Street in Baltimore, where the original school was founded in 1865. The other two medallions bear the words, "Flame of Faith" and "Torch of Truth," echoed in the alma mater. The lyrics carry the hope that Bowie State will continue to serve generations of students for years to come.



ACADEMIC REGALIA

The custom of wearing academic dress can be traced to the Middle Ages when scholars were also clerics and wore the costume of their monastic order. The hood originally was a cowl attached to the gown, which could be slipped over the head for warmth. The cap, originally round, later became the square mortarboard commonly seen today.

Under contemporary rules of protocol, only holders of the doctorate may wear the four-sided, six-sided, or eight-sided velvet tam. The gown worn varies according to the degree earned. The bachelor's gown, for example, is worn closed and can be distinguished from the rest by its long pointed sleeves. The master's gown is designed to be worn open, with slits at the elbow of the sleeves to accommodate the arms. The doctor's gown, also worn open, has full, bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal bars stitched across the upper arm. A velvet panel that is stitched down the front edges is draped around the neck.

The doctor's hood is four feet long, of fuller shape, and rounded at the base. The hood is bordered with velvet, the color of which typically indicates the field of study in which the wearer's degree was earned: dark blue for philosophy, light blue for education, orange for engineering, gold/yellow for science, green for medicine, salmon pink for public health, purple for law, white for arts and letters, etc. The silk lining of the hood carries the colors of the institution that granted the degree. If more than one degree is held, the gown and hood symbolic of the highest degree are worn.

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Bowie State University is an outgrowth of a school opened in Baltimore, Maryland, by an organization dedicated to offering educational opportunities that the state failed to provide for its black citizens. From those humble beginnings, Bowie State has become a comprehensive university with more than 6,100 diverse students, offering 23 undergraduate majors and 35 master's, doctoral and advanced certification programs in a broad range of disciplines. Bowie State University continues to build on its legacy of providing access to high-quality education.

FOUNDING OF THE FIRST SCHOOL

The Baltimore Association for the Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People was organized in 1864 by 46 men, comprised of businessmen, lawyers, clergymen and Quakers, committed to opening schools to educate the state's newly emancipated citizens. One of those men was Joseph M. Cushing, an outspoken champion for the education of the black population.

As chairman of the Educational Committee for Maryland's Constitutional Convention in 1864, Cushing chastised the committee's refusal to fund schools for black people: "There will come a time when this state will be forced by public opinion to provide means for educating our colored population."

The association opened its first Baltimore school, School #1, on January 9, 1865, in the African Baptist Church in Crane's Building on the corner of Calvert and Saratoga streets. The school offered courses in the elements of education. Courses to train teachers were added in 1866.

The facility was woefully inadequate. In 1867, with the aid of the Freedmen's Bureau, the Quakers of England and others, the Baltimore Association purchased and renovated the Old Friends Meeting House at the corner of Saratoga and Courtland streets to house the Baltimore Normal School for Colored Teachers.

MOVE TO BOWIE

After repeated petitions from the Baltimore Normal School trustees, the state legislature authorized the Board of Education to assume control of the school in 1908 and redesignated it as State Normal School No. 3, finally fulfilling the dream of Cushing and the Baltimore Association. By 1910, the state decided to relocate the school to Bowie, Maryland, purchasing a 187-acre tract formerly known as Jericho Farm dating to 1716. The school opened at the new location in 1911 with about 60 students and Don Speed Smith Goodloe as the first black man to head the school as principal. In 1914, its name changed to the Maryland Normal and Industrial School at Bowie.

Under President Leonidas James, the school began a two-year professional curriculum in teacher education in 1925, which expanded to a three-year program in 1931. A four-year program to train elementary school teachers was introduced in 1935, and the school was renamed the Maryland Teachers College at Bowie.

Teacher education continued to expand under the 25-year tenure of President William Henry. The institution established programs to train teachers for junior high school (1951) and secondary education (1961) and advanced toward becoming a liberal arts college.

TRANSITION TO A STATE LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE

The Maryland State Legislature authorized the college to become Bowie State College in 1963, following the establishment of a liberal arts program. New majors in English, history and general social science were added, expanding offerings beyond teacher education.

Under President Samuel Myers, the college established its first graduate degree program, offering the Master of Education in 1969. The first director of the graduate division was Dr. J. Alexander Wiseman, a graduate of the Maryland Teachers College at Bowie and the first African-American to earn a doctoral degree from the University of Maryland, College Park.

EMERGENCE AS A COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITY

In 1988, Bowie State College became Bowie State University under President James Lyons, reflecting significant growth in academic programs, enrollment and community service. On the same day, the university also became one of the member institutions of the newly formed University System of Maryland.

Bowie State University gained recognition as a leader in the education of science, technology,

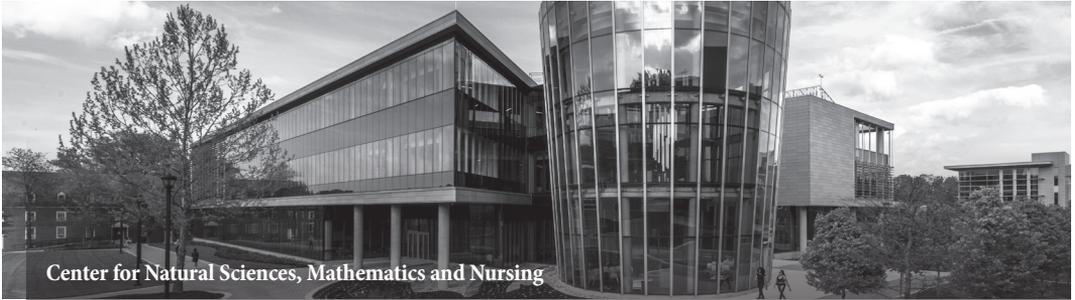
engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. In 1995, Bowie State won an 11-year, \$27 million award from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration/National Science Foundation, becoming one of only six national Model Institutions for Excellence in STEM.

TODAY'S BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

Bowie State University ranks among the nation's top comprehensive universities, cultivating next-generation leaders by providing opportunities for students to discover their strengths through focused academic experiences and opportunities to tackle real-world problems.

Money.com ranks Bowie State #2 for best value among public historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), and *U.S. News & World Report* continues to rank Bowie State among the top 25 HBCUs. Bowie State's cybersecurity programs are recognized as a National Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security.

Now more than ever, Bowie State University is committed to preparing students for success in a highly technological, global society.



LEADING BOWIE STATE INTO THE FUTURE

Bowie State University empowers more than 6,100 students with a rigorous curriculum and the support they need to find their strengths and prepare to compete in a changing world. The university has made great strides on the path to becoming one of the nation's best comprehensive universities, with expanding academic initiatives and new modern facilities that provide opportunities for innovative teaching, learning and research.

KEY HONORS

- *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Bowie State in the top 30 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), and Money.com lists Bowie State among the nation's best value colleges and universities.
- Bowie State's cybersecurity programs are recognized as a National Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security.
- The College of Education has maintained continuous accreditation of its professional teacher programs by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) since 1954. The college has also received national recognition for the quality of its partnerships with local schools that place student interns.

FIRST-CLASS TEACHING & RESEARCH

- Undergraduate natural sciences students who choose a research track work with faculty mentors to find breakthroughs in health and medicine.
- By partnering with local school districts, the College of Education has launched initiatives to prepare more students to become certified educators.

- The Bowie Business Innovation Center, a partnership with the city of Bowie, is Maryland's only business incubator at an HBCU. Students interested in starting a business can enroll in the new entrepreneurship and small business management program and get support from the Entrepreneurship Academy.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

- Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community opened in fall 2021 as a hub of innovation and home to 500+ students, designed to nurture their passion to start a business.
- The Center for Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Nursing includes research and instructional laboratories, flexible classrooms, a nursing simulation wing and a fully enclosed greenhouse.
- The Fine and Performing Arts Center has the distinction of being an All-Steinway facility, featuring only the prestigious Steinway pianos in both practice and performance spaces.
- The Student Center received LEED Gold certification for its environmentally sustainable design, making Bowie State the first HBCU to receive that honor for a student center.



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