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PRESIDENT, BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Aminta H. Breaux



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 which led to the opening of an Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community 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.

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.

Throughout her career, Dr. Breaux has demonstrated a passion for ensuring student development and success. Prior to joining Bowie State, Dr. Breaux served as vice president for advancement for Millersville University, where she oversaw fundraising, alumni engagement, event management and external relations. Before that, she was vice president for student affairs at Millersville University.

Previously, she was dean of students at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, known as the country's first college of pharmacy. At Drexel University, she served as assistant provost. She got her start in higher education as a career counselor at the University of Pennsylvania.

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

Mr. Kenneth C. Frazier

RETIRED CHAIRMAN AND CEO, MERCK & Co., INC.
CHAIRMAN, HEALTH ASSURANCE INITIATIVES, GENERAL CATALYST



Kenneth C. Frazier is the former Chairman and CEO of Merck, following his retirement from more than 30 years with the company, including a decade-long tenure as CEO.

In his retirement from Merck, Ken has committed himself to organizations dedicated to leading social change and building greater equity for all people. He is the Co-Founder and Co-Chair of OneTen, a coalition of leading organizations committed to upskilling, hiring, and promoting one million Black Americans into family-sustaining jobs. In addition, he is Chairman of Health Assurance Initiatives, at the venture capital firm, General Catalyst, where he advises on investments and partnerships for companies that are well-positioned to help transform the healthcare industry through collaborative and responsible innovation.

Ken's contributions, especially in the legal, business, and humanitarian fields, have been widely recognized. Under his leadership, Merck delivered innovative life-saving medicines and vaccines as well as long-term and sustainable value to its multiple stakeholders. Ken substantially increased Merck's investment

in research, including early research, while refocusing the organization on the launch and growth of key products that provide far-reaching benefits to society. He also led the formation of philanthropic and humanitarian initiatives that build on Merck's 130-year legacy.

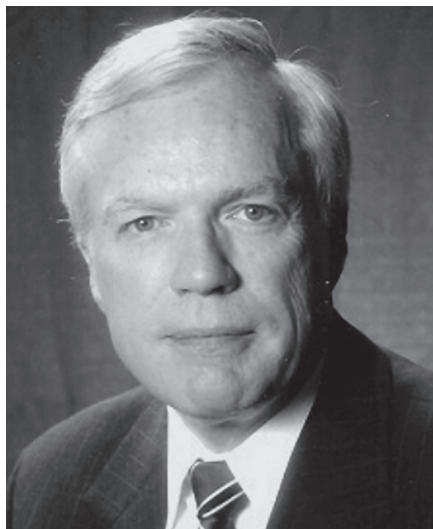
Ken joined Merck in 1992 and held positions of increasing responsibility, including General Counsel, before becoming President and CEO in 2011. Prior to joining Merck, Ken was a partner with the Philadelphia law firm of Drinker Biddle & Reath. He sits on the boards of Weill Cornell Medicine, Eikon Therapeutics, the National Constitution Center, Paradigm, and Cornerstone Christian Academy in Philadelphia, PA. He also is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, the Council of the American Law Institute, the American Bar Association, and a Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. Additionally, Ken is Co-Chair of the Legal Services Corporation's Leaders Council.

As a strong advocate for social justice and economic inclusion, Ken is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Anti-Defamation League Courage Against Hate Award, the Botwinick Prize in Business Ethics from Columbia Business School, the Legend in Leadership Award from the Yale School of Management, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund National Equal Justice Award, and the National Minority Quality Forum's Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2018, Ken received the Harvard Law School Association Award, the highest honor given by the prestigious association, in recognition of his extraordinary service to the legal profession, Harvard Law School, and the public. In that same year, Ken was named one of the World's Greatest Leaders by Fortune magazine and was also named one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People; he again made that list in 2021. In 2019, he became the first recipient of the Forbes Lifetime Achievement Award for Healthcare. In 2021 his peers named Ken Chief Executive magazine's CEO of the Year. Most recently, he received the highly esteemed Fordham-Stein Prize from Fordham Law School, an honor bestowed for work embodying the highest standards of the legal profession.

Ken received his bachelor's degree from The Pennsylvania State University and holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

REGENT, UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND

Mr. William T. Wood



William T. "Bill" Wood was appointed in 1999 by Maryland's Governor to the Board of Regents and reappointed for a term beginning July 1, 2018. He is the immediate past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the University System of Maryland Foundation. He has also served on the Board of Visitors of the University of Maryland University College and as the founding President of the University of Maryland College Park Alumni Association.

Mr. Wood earned a B.S. degree in Economics from the University of Maryland, College Park and a J.D. degree from the Francis King Carey School of Law. He founded Wood Law Offices, LLC, Rockville, Maryland; has been a practicing lawyer for over 40 years; is Past President of the Maryland Trial Lawyers Association; has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America, The Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers, Super Lawyer's Magazine, Top Attorneys in Washington, D.C. by D.C. Magazine, Top Lawyers by The Baltimore Sun; the National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Maryland; and is AV rated by

Martindale-Hubbell. He has been a criminal prosecutor, Treasurer of the President's Council of the American Trial Lawyers Association and State Delegate to ATLA. He also has lectured extensively on litigation related matters and has appeared periodically on Channel 5 Fox Television News in the Washington-Metropolitan area and MSNBC nationally pertaining to legal issues of local and national interest. He has served sitting judges as Treasurer and courthouse candidates as Campaign Manager.

Mr. Wood and his wife Marie live in Chevy Chase, Maryland and have four children and two grandchildren: Mary Beth Wood Olson, Brian Wood, John Wood, and James Wood, deceased, and Mary Beth and her husband Nick's two children George and Helen Olson.

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.

THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

DR. AMINTA H. BREAUX

President of Bowie State University, Presiding

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL



POSTING OF THE COLORS

BSU Reserve Officers Training Corps
LTC Kareem Y. Fernandez, *Commander*



“THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER”

by Frances Scott Key
Ms. Jamari Blagmon (Soprano), *Soloist*



“LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING”

by James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson
Arrangement by Mr. Brandon Felder, *Assistant Director of University Choir*
The Combined Voices of BSU



MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Dr. William Lewis
Mace Bearer



GREETINGS

Mr. William T. Wood
Regent, University System of Maryland Board of Regents

Mr. Kamau K. Stith
President, Senior Class

Mr. Micheal Lamont McGee
President, Graduate Student Association



SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

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



“CITY CALLED HEAVEN”

Traditional spiritual arrangement by Josephine Pollenitz
Performed by The Combined Voices of BSU
Mr. Brandon Felder, *Assistant Director of University Choir*



INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

President Aminta H. Breaux

THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Mr. Kenneth C. Frazier
Retired Chairman and CEO, Merck & Co., Inc.
Chairman, Health Assurance Initiatives, General Catalyst



“BARNUM & BAILEY’S FAVORITE”

by Karl King
BSU Concert Band
Mr. Billy Bennett, *Director*



PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE

Mr. Kenneth C. Frazier

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES

Dr. Carl B. Goodman
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs



CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Candidates for Degrees Presented by
Dr. Carl B. Goodman



PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Cosmas Nwokeafor, *Interim 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 Professional Studies*
Dr. Cheryl Blackman, *Dean, College of Professional Studies*



INDUCTION INTO THE BSU NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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



CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES

President Aminta H. Breaux



ALMA MATER

The Combined Voices of BSU



RETIRING OF THE COLORS

BSU Army Reserve Officers Training Corps
LTC Kareem Y. Fernandez, *Commander*



ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL

DEGREES CONFERRED

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

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 Education in Educational Leadership

Sharone Anderson-Davis

Bowie, Maryland

M.A. — Seton Hall University
*The Impact of Principals' Leadership
Style in Relation to Teacher Efficacy
in Urban Elementary Schools in a
Mid-Atlantic State*

Marco Lavert Brooks

Washington, D.C.

M.A. — Howard University
*Professional Development: Examining
the Perspectives of Technology Teachers
on Technology and the Great Leadership
Practices of High School Principals
Supporting Innovative Technology for
Instruction in Two Urban Public Charter
High Schools in a mid-Atlantic District*

Dorothy Dixon Clowers

Bowie, Maryland

M.A. — Jackson State University
*Title I Elementary Principals' Perspectives
on the Effects of Parent Engagement on
Students' Absences, Motivation, and
Achievement in a Mid-Atlantic
Urban School District*

Elizabeth Olusola Fadairo

Bladensburg, Maryland

M.A. — George Washington University
*Examining How School Leaders' Practices
Affect Teacher Attrition in Elementary
Schools in an Urban District*

Oluseun A. Holmes

Lanham, Maryland

M.Ed. — Coppin State University
*Teachers' Perceptions: Integration
Of Technological Tools in Teaching
Mathematics to Fourth Grade Students in
Title I Schools in a Mid-Atlantic State*

Sharon Michelle

Marshall Oladokun

Greenbelt, Maryland

M.A. — George Washington University
*Navigating School Choice: The Perspectives
of West African Immigrant Parents*

Jewell LaVonne Rich

Waldorf, Maryland

M.S. — Trinity University
*Leading on Empty: Examining the Effects
of Work-Related Stress and Burnout
of School Principals in a Large School
District in a Mid-Atlantic State*

Carlos Dwayne Richardson

Washington, D.C.

M.A. — American University
*Black Girls "STEM": An Anti-Deficit
Examination of Science, Technology,
Engineering, and Mathematics Interest
and Persistence in Two Charter
Urban High Schools*

Consuela Alethia-Natasha

Robinson

Fulton, Maryland

M.A. — University of California,
Berkeley
*Middle School Students' Perceptions of
School Climate in Two Mid-Atlantic
Suburban School Districts Pre- and
Post- Pandemic-Related School Closures*

Stephen Thorne

Bowie, Maryland

M.S. — Neumann University
*Young, Gifted, and Black: A Thematic
Analysis Of The Experiences Of
First-Generation Black Males in a
Catholic University in a
Mid-Atlantic State*

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Arts and Sciences

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Lindsei Marie Berman

District Heights, Maryland

B.S. — University Maryland Eastern Shore

Madubuko Daberechi Chiedozi

Landover, Maryland

B.S. — Washington & Lee University

Tavien Deshon Floyd

Bowie, Maryland

B.S. — Morgan State University

Victor Dzemo Ngoubayo

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Rahmah Turki Alosaimi

Vienna, Virginia

B.A. — King Abdulaziz University

Lama Lafi Alsharari

Sakaka, Saudi Arabia

B.A. — Al-Jouf University

Trinity Latise Mathis

Fort Washington, Maryland

B.S. — University Maryland Eastern Shore

Jonathan Chunsoo Park

Tysons, Virginia

B.S. — Howard University

Kalena Zamora

Odenton, Maryland

B.S. — Wheaton College

MASTER OF ARTS IN ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ayman Naffa Al Sulami

Vienna, Virginia

B.S. — King Abdulaziz University

Abdulkarim Yahya Alabthani

Fairfax, Virginia

B.S. — King Khalid University

Musaad Mohammed Aldayel

Arlington, Virginia

B.S. — King Saud University

Toni Chika Aniugo

Baltimore, Maryland

B.S. — Morgan State University

Kobby Ayetey

Lanham, Maryland

B.S. — North Carolina Central University

Kohl Imani Byndloss

El Cerrito, California

B.S. — Paul Quinn College

Joshua Clark

Willingboro, New Jersey

B.S. — Wagner College

Asha Leilah Cole

Bladensburg, Maryland

B.A. — University Maryland Eastern Shore

Dejanay Monet Greer

Plainfield, New Jersey

B.S. — Bowie State University

Talanya R. Hutton

Capitol Heights, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Erica Johnson

Bowie, Maryland

B.A. — Bowie State University

Kimberly Norwood-Ingram

Homewood, Illinois

B.S. — Bowie State University

Keshi T. Parker

Capitol Heights, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Jaslyn Saije Riat

Odenton, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Niya M. Stenbar

Columbia, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Stefan Frank Touani

Oxon Hill, Maryland

B.S. — Grambling State University

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Business

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Geordan Christopher Dent

Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — Virginia Union University

Taliay Tarshya Herbert

Capitol Heights, Maryland
B.S. — North Carolina Central University

Chijoke David Okoro

Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Ladoke Akintola University
of Technology

MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Sinmiloluwa Adeola Abioye

Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — University of Ibadan

Bothainah Hathlool Alhathlool

Arlington, Virginia
B.S. — King Saud University

Kyle Connolly

Crofton, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Bria Monique Davis

College Park, Maryland
B.S. — Howard University

Stacia Sharol D'Souza

Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — Mangalore University

Keemonie Rezhah Hodges

Washington, D.C.
B.S. — Virginia Union University

Bonnie Renee Trotman Johnson

Odenton, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland
University College

Kenya Latrice Shanaye Johnson

Capitol Heights, Maryland
B.S. — Howard University

Breshay Tatiana Robinson

Huntersville, North Carolina
B.A. — University of California, San Diego

Khya Wimberly

Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — San Jose State University

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Ashley Ishanose Ajayi

Bowie, Maryland
B.A. — University Maryland
Baltimore County

Candace Chele Carter

Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Chelsea Ann Field-Arlantico

Fort Belvoir, Virginia
B.S. — Purdue University Global

Chelsea Foster

Washington, D.C.
B.A. — Southrn Adventist University

Curtis L. Inabinet

Temple Hills, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland
University College

Shawnice Nia King

Columbia, Maryland
B.S. — Florida Memorial University

Trinh Le

Bowie, Maryland
B.A. — University Maryland
Baltimore County

Clate Deion Moton-Jackson

Oxon Hill, Maryland
B.S. — Coppin State University

Brayan Perez

Lanham, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Makayla M. Peterson

Elkton, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Cordell Milton Ray Jr.

Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — University of Kentucky, Lexington

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Roberta W. Biney-Afful

Severn, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Jasmine S Blackmon

Crofton, Maryland
B.S. — Howard University

Isaiah C. Hall

Waldorf, Maryland
B.S. — Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Kelechi C. Nwadike

Silver Spring, Maryland
B.S. — University of Nigeria

Chukwuyem Nkem Obima

Lagos, Nigeria
B.S. — Bowen University

Olusegun Joseph Odubela

Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — University of Ilorin

Chinenye Golden Okolo

Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Abisola Olaitan Olanipekun

Landover, Maryland
B.S. — Landmark University

Boluwatife Isaac Onakunle

Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — Southern Baptist Theological
Seminary

Tonja Thomas

Upper Marlboro, Maryland
M.S. — Neumann University

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Education

MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Deborah Temitope Aiyegbusi
Montgomery Village, Maryland
B.S. — Frostburg State University

Jasmine N. Anderson
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Cachet Patrice Burke
Gwynn Oak, Maryland
B.A. — McDaniel College

Darren Coleman
Lanham, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Rhonece Ford
Waldorf, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Erica Michele Gray
Washington, D.C.
B.S. — Trinity Washington University

Briyane Greene
Bowie, Maryland
B.A. — University Maryland Eastern Shore

Daniel Gerard Madigan
Waldorf, Maryland
B.S. — Salisbury University

Micheal Lamont McGee
Hyattsville, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland
Global Campus

Rene Patrice Peart
Greenbelt, Maryland
B.A. — University of Maryland College Park

Randy Wendell Prout
New Carrollton, Maryland
B.S. — Illinois State University

Moriba Sise
Memphis, Tennessee
B.S. — Stevenson University

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHER LEADERSHIP

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

Sabrina Kathleen Simpson
Indianapolis, Indiana
B.A. — University Memphis

Zena Whitworth
Hyattsville, Maryland
B.S. — University Maryland Eastern Shore

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION & SUPERVISION

Nicole Renee English
Greenbelt, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Ashley Etta Jackson
Lexington Park, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

MASTER OF ARTS IN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Talaya Nyeema Austin
Capitol Heights, Maryland
B.S. — Howard University

Shakeela Q. Gray
Gaithersburg, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Jannah Taquiyyah Nash
Largo, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Nia Imani Riddick
Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — Western Carolina University

Tanae Kearrah Smith
Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Whalnish Rita Verbal
Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — Pontificia Universidad Catolica

Nahir Villarreal
Silver Spring, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

Bianca Shuan Zhu
Ellicott City, Maryland
B.A. — Wheaton College

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

Hye In Chung
Ellicott City, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland College Park

Erin Michelle Conner
Prince Frederick, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

Sydney Mykal Frederick
Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Aneishia Jackson
Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — University Baltimore

Erin McAuliffe
Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland College Park

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Taylor Elizabeth Bendlin
Bowie, Maryland
B.A. — University of Maryland College Park

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN READING

Jaylyn R. Norris
Lanham, Maryland
B.S. — Loyola University Chicago

Christine R. Ramroop
Bowie, Maryland
B.A. — Hawaii Pacific University

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Education

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOL COUNSELING

Rebecca Miatta Akinmurele
Springdale, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Darius Lawrence Boris
Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

Adaire Denean Crabbe
Washington, D.C.
B.A. — Hood College

Leevon Floyd
Gaithersburg, Maryland
B.A. — Dickinson College

Pia Jones
White Plains, Maryland
B.S. — Morgan State University

Jordan Christtina Turner-Bailey
Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — Fayetteville State University

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Timothy Tyrone Moorehead
Temple Hills, Maryland
B.A. — George Mason University

College of Professional Studies

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Temeka Rickquele Coates
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — Ohio University

Sherry Kathryn Haubert
Great Mills, Maryland
B.S. — University Of Dayton

Tracy Lynn Schaecher
Saint Leonard, Maryland
B.S. — Bennett College

THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Latin Honors

Summa Cum Laude 3.85 – 4.00 Magna Cum Laude 3.65 – 3.84 Cum Laude 3.50 – 3.64

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Danielle Akibo-Betts	Jill Heather Cruz	Myles W. Moody	Lana R. Scott
Neelover Alhedai	Ingris M. Cuellar Pineda	Michael Ryan Mouton	Justice P. Shreeves
Camille Natalie Allen	Natalia Anna Goraj	Katherine Powers Otten	Ashley Antoinette Small
Jonathan Bamgbade	Movado M. Gray	Ayreanna P. Pettijohn	Clarissa Brittany Smith
Stephanie Azucena Beltran	Tyla A. Handon	Ayreanna P. Pettijohn	Elaine Diane Thomas
Destiny D. Brevard	Denson Heard	Tamia Ashanti Reyes	Madelyn Celina Varela Amaya
Victoya Payne Chittams	Kamri L. Johnson	Aline Diana Robinson	Dasia Wade
Isata Laminatu Conteh	Sheila Devonne Jones Wagner	Anthony Randolph Rosemond	Talisa M. Watson
Thomas J. Cragg	India C. Mallard	Marisa Alexa Starr Ruffin	Khalil E.R. Williams

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Yvette Nicole Adams	Jayne Michelle Considine	Teresa D. Hogan	Obinna Chiazio Okere
Jade Anne Aguisando Aguilar	Genelle K. Courtney	Mohsan Hussain	Ekene D. Onoh
Temmy S. Akindolire	Madison R. Dale-Randolph	Nnenna J. Ibenana	Christiana C. Pablo
Abdulaziz Mohammed Alresheed	James J. Demery	Kiara J. Jennings	Asia Janea Parrott
Jazzziel Asaph Baez	Ceirra Alayne Dixon	Ayanle Hussein Jirdeh	Dyshawn Jason Payne
Denicia K. Barnes	Christa Donnelly	Lauren V. Johnson	Africa I. Pippin
Louise Bassog	Aubree T. Ellison	Treeana T. Jordan	Abigail L. Rishton
Zaimat Bayero	Dakiyah Karema Floyd	Abigel Kassa	Marcus Zachary Samuels
Kalekidan C. Bekele	Rakell C. Foye	Je'Neice Lee Lipscomb	Kayla Marie Sykes
Chadsity Keshon Berry	Dionna C. Garrison	Teria Vershay Ann Manuel	Sudana N. Thomas
Chantel Melina Brooks	Anthea Rhonda Glassman	Tandria Mason	Shannon Nicole Thornes
Amaya Brown	Rondez Green	Jaylen Bre'Ann Moody	Alexis Victoria VanLandingham
Erin Marie Brown	Breanna T. Harvey	Jayda R. Motley	Rubi Celia Vasquez Martinez
Taylor Breonna Carter	An Nhien Ngoc Hoang	Keiara S. Murray	James Everett Young

CUM LAUDE

Mene D. Bagudu	Jared Alston Davis	Kayla J. Lawrence	Jermaine Shawn Sibley
Cynthia Juanita Bailey	Kevin J. Davis	Imani C. Lee	Navin B. Singh
Timothy C. Barnes	James Anthony Denny	Nancy Martinez	Gabrielle Jeovanna Akayla Smith
John Alexander Briscoe Jr.	Sandra N. Ebenki	Allyson Mojica	Destiny-Ruth Natalia Sterling
Kevin J. Broome	Devan Alexander Frazier	Marieme Ndiaye	Kamau K. Stith
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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.

ACADEMIC COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

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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University History

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 6,200 diverse students, offering 29 undergraduate majors and 36 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.

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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.

U.S. News & World Report ranks Bowie State among the top 20 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.

Bowie State University remains committed to preparing students for success in a highly technological, global society.



BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

University Highlights

LEADING BOWIE STATE INTO THE FUTURE

Bowie State University empowers more than 6,200 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 20 historically black colleges and universities (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.
- 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.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

- The Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community is 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.

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.



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