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**SPRING**

**COMMENCEMENT**

**FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022, 10:00 A.M.**

**BULLDOG STADIUM, BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY**

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*Spring  
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AT TEN O' CLOCK IN THE MORNING  
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BOWIE, MARYLAND

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## PRESIDENT, BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

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*Dr. Aminta H. Breaux*



**D**r. 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 led the effort to build an Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community. 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

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*Ms. Jacqueline McWilliams Parker*

CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CIAA) COMMISSIONER



Jacqueline (Jacqie) McWilliams Parker is in her 9th season of serving as the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Commissioner. She is the first female to serve as Commissioner for the CIAA and first appointed African American female Commissioner representing Division I, II or III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Ms. McWilliams Parker spent nine years at the NCAA managing national championships to include both the men's and women's Division I basketball tournaments. She started her career in coaching, compliance and administration at Virginia Union University followed by career growth opportunities at the CIAA, Norfolk State University and Morgan State University prior to the NCAA.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Hampton University and a Master of Arts in sports management and administration from Temple University. She was a two-sport athlete at Hampton and was a member of the Hampton University 1988 NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Championship team and Freshman Player of the Year. In 1990

she was named Player of the Year for CIAA Volleyball.

Ms. McWilliams Parker was selected as a member of the 2013 class for Women in Sports Business Journal Game Changer. She was inducted into the Hampton University Hall of Fame, Temple University's Gallery of Success and the Sierra High School Hall of Fame.

She is the past president for Women Leaders in College Sports (2019-2020) and current member of the board. She serves on the board of directors for the John B. McLendon Scholarship Foundation, Samaritans Feet International and the NCAA Gender Equity Task Force. Additionally, she served as the chair of NCAA DII Management Council, a member of the NCAA Board of Governors and NCAA Cultural Diversity Committee.

Ms. McWilliams Parker is a woman of faith, motivational speaker and an active member of the Charlotte Crown Jewels Links Chapter of Charlotte. She has received numerous awards for her leadership and contributions to the community.

# THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

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**DR. AMINTA H. BREAUX**  
*President of the 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  
BSU University Choir



**“LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING”**  
by James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson  
BSU University Choir



## **MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

Dr. William Lewis  
*Mace Bearer*



## **GREETINGS**

Ms. Akira White  
*President, Senior Class*

Mrs. Liberty Deffenbaugh  
*Vice President, 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*



## **“A NEW HORIZON”**

Words and Music by Greg Gilpin  
Kayla Adams & Raymond Ingram, *Soloists*  
Professor LaTonya Wrenn, *Accompanist*  
Dr. Brian G. Semos, *Assistant Choir Director and Conductor*  
Dr. Marymal L. Holmes, *Director*



## **INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER**

Dr. Aminta H. Breaux  
*President, Bowie State University*

# THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

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## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Ms. Jacqueline “Jacqie” McWilliams Parker  
*Commissioner of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) &  
Co-Founder/CEO of Sudden Change LLC*



## “COME SUNDAY”

by Duke Ellington  
BSU Concert Band  
Mr. Billy Bennett, *Director*



## CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Candidates for Degrees Presented by  
Dr. Carl Goodman  
*Provost & 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 Professional Studies*  
Dr. Cheryl Blackman, *Dean, College of Professional Studies*



## RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES

Dr. Carl Goodman  
*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*



## INDUCTION INTO THE BSU NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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



## CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES

Dr. Aminta H. Breaux  
*President*



## ALMA MATER

BSU University Choir



## RETIRING OF THE COLORS

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



## ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL

## MUSIC

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### *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

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## 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

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## *College of Arts and Sciences*

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Hindi Albaqami**

*McLean, Virginia*

B.S. — Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud  
Islamic University

#### **Dakota Fitzgerald Boodhoo**

*Randallstown, Maryland*

B.S. — University of Maryland,  
Baltimore County

#### **Shannon Elaine Ruth Brown**

*Glen Burnie, Maryland*

B.S. — Bowie State University

#### **Brittne Denise Burns**

*Springdale, Maryland*

B.S. — Bowie State University

#### **Nneka Yardley Chukwudozie**

*Lanham, Maryland*

B.S. — Covenant University

#### **Priscilla Aquila Cotton**

*Alexandria, Virginia*

B.S. — University North Carolina  
Wilmington

#### **Autumn Jemika Fletcher**

*Ellicott City, Maryland*

B.S. — Trinity Washington University

#### **Alana Janay Gibson**

*Upper Marlboro, Maryland*

B.A. — Goucher College

#### **Daniel Jarod Alexander Gibson**

*Baltimore, Maryland*

B.S. — Morgan State University

#### **Mutakiu Olarotimi Hassan**

*Hyattsville, Maryland*

B.A. — University of Lagos

#### **Krystole Chemere Mack**

*Laurel, Maryland*

B.S. — Southern New  
Hampshire University

#### **Abdulrahman Mohammed**

**Alswailem Sr.**

*Fairfax, Virginia*

B.S. — King Abdulaziz University

#### **Morgan I. Rahman**

*Baltimore, Maryland*

B.S. — Virginia State University

#### **Tevin Singleton**

*District Heights, Maryland*

B.S. — Bowie State University

#### **Taylor N. Speight**

*Washington, D.C.*

B.S. — Marshall University

#### **De'Anne D. Vaughan**

*Upper Marlboro, Maryland*

B.S. — Bowie State University

#### **Jaison Jahvon Young**

*Glenarden, Maryland*

B.A. — Duquesne University

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

#### **Richard G. Afari**

*Pasadena, Maryland*

B.S. — University of Cape Coast

#### **Hailemariam Tsehay Kassahun**

*Silver Spring, Maryland*

B.S. — Bahir Dar University

#### **Ruth Abidemi Olusegun**

*Bowie, Maryland*

B.S. — University of Ilorin

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS**

#### **Stacy Romara Constantin**

*Lanham, Maryland*

B.S. — Bowie State University

#### **Jasmine Ocasico Tolson**

*Upper Marlboro, Maryland*

B.S. — Bowie State University

# THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

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## *College of Business*

### **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Del Jim Baxter**

*Upper Marlboro, Maryland*  
B.S. — Hampton University

**Cameron Amar Brooks**

*Bowie, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowling Green State University

**Timothy Oyetunji Esuola**

*Bowie, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

**Caleb Likekele**

*Laurel, Maryland*  
B.S. — West Virginia Wesleyan College

**Sharon Patricia McPherson**

*Bowie, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

**Akili A. Smith**

*Plano, Texas*  
B.A. — Bowie State University

**Stacia Tanay Smith**

*Suitland, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

**Hamadou Tidjiani Traore**

*Hyattsville, Maryland*  
B.A. — University Cocody

**Moussa Traore**

*Silver Spring, Maryland*  
B.A. — University of the  
District of Columbia

### **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

**Ismaila Babatunde**

*Balogun, Nigeria*  
B.A. — University of Lagos

**Julia Geneva Barnett**

*Cheltenham, Maryland*  
B.S. — Wayland Baptist University

**Jennifer A. Coke**

*Clinton, Maryland*  
B.S. — Fairleigh Dickinson University

**Kwansi Fitzherbert Cooke**

*Laurel, Maryland*  
B.S. — University of Maryland  
Global Campus

**Shawnice Nia King**

*Columbia, Maryland*  
B.S. — Florida Memorial University

**Destinee Ianesha Mitchell**

*Gaithersburg, Maryland*  
B.S. — University of Maryland  
Global Campus

**Kevon Andre Moore**

*Beltsville, Maryland*  
B.S. — Niagara University

**Kadra Sha'Nell Pheal**

*Bowie, Maryland*  
B.S. — University of Arkansas at Monticello

**James Walker-Bey**

*Upper Marlboro, Maryland*  
B.S. — University of Maryland  
Eastern Shore

**William E. White**

*Fredericksburg, Virginia*  
B.S. — University of Maryland  
Global Campus

**Clarevonte Demarius Williams**

*Fort Washington, Maryland*  
B.S. — Morgan State University

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

**Charles Edward Benton**

*Suitland, Maryland*  
B.S. — Old Dominion University

**Chidinma Ezinne Chinasa Ego-Osuala**

*Bowie, Maryland*  
B.S. — Queen Mary University of London

**Azubuike Sunday Enwere**

*Hyattsville, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

**Ashley Michelle Hamlar-Jones**

*Clinton, Maryland*  
B.S. — North Carolina A&T University

**James E. Hardaway II**

*Clinton, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

**Shaniece Latasha Latney**

*Greenbelt, Maryland*  
B.S. — University of Maryland  
Eastern Shore

**Aaron Bryce Phillip Lowery**

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

**McDane H. McFarlane**

*Glenn Dale, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

**Bob Junior Osea**

*Bristow, Virginia*  
B.S. — Jomo Kenyatta University of  
Agriculture and Technology

**Tonja Thomas**

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

# THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

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## *College of Education*

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY**

#### **Adebusola F. Adebisi**

*Lanham, Maryland*  
B.A. — Adekunle Ajasin University

#### **Michael Bellinger Jr.**

*Upper Marlboro, Maryland*  
B.A. — Shaw University

#### **Kalena Keliza Blackman**

*Baltimore, Maryland*  
B.A. — Salisbury University

#### **Darren Coleman**

*Lanham, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

#### **Kortney Patrice Cox**

*Bowie, Maryland*  
B.S. — University of Maryland  
Eastern Shore

#### **Liberty Belle Deffenbaugh**

*Severn, Maryland*  
B.A. — University of Maryland,  
Baltimore County

#### **Cyloe Majana Gadson**

*Waldorf, Maryland*  
B.S. — University of Maryland  
Eastern Shore

#### **Briana Grace Howell**

*Bowie, Maryland*  
B.A. — Virginia Wesleyan College

#### **Darious Lawson**

*Temple Hills, Maryland*  
B.S. — North Carolina A&T  
State University

#### **Oluchi Josephine Orajekwe**

*Laurel, Maryland*  
B.S. — University of Lagos

#### **Shandra Marica Ridgely**

*Baltimore, Maryland*  
B.S. — Morgan State University

#### **Kenneth Cameron Rhoads**

*Waldorf, Maryland*  
B.A. — Salisbury University

#### **Dominique Chanise Watson**

*Capital Heights, Maryland*  
B.S. — Morgan State University

#### **Christina Lynn Wiley**

*Potomac, Maryland*  
B.S. — Frostburg State University

### **MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHER LEADERSHIP**

#### **Lanette Lee Henderson**

*Baltimore, Maryland*  
B.S. — University Missouri Columbia\*

#### **Morgan A. Powell**

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

#### **Miya Nicole White**

*Laurel, Maryland*  
B.S. — Towson University

### **MASTER OF EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**

#### **Reginald Kenneth Barrington**

*Glenarden, Maryland*  
B.A. — Bowie State University

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

#### **Naliah Beckford**

*Brandywine, Maryland*  
B.S. — Albright College

#### **Alexis Danielle Campbell**

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

#### **Jordan T. Johnson**

*District Heights, Maryland*  
B.S. — Morgan State University

#### **Latrice Nikita McCoy**

*Bowie, Maryland*  
B.A. — Loyola University Maryland

#### **Kaylan Palmer Talbot**

*Gwynn Oak, Maryland*  
B.S. — University of Baltimore

#### **Rachel Wagner**

*Bowie, Maryland*  
B.A. — Richard Stockton College  
of New Jersey

#### **Jamere Vincent Woody**

*Laurel, Maryland*  
B.S. — Delaware State University

### **MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY**

#### **Kolleen Ann Barclay**

*Bladensburg, Maryland*  
B.S. — University Maryland College Park

#### **Alecia Nicole Bennerman**

*Hanover, Maryland*  
B.S. — North Carolina A&T  
State University

#### **Meghan Aileen Benton**

*Lothian, Maryland*  
B.S. — Houghton College

#### **Miyanna D. Marrow**

*Upper Marlboro, Maryland*  
B.S. — Virginia State University

#### **Tianna Lynn Peoples**

*Waldorf, Maryland*  
B.S. — Salisbury University

#### **Imani Elena Rose**

*Edgewood, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

#### **Genevieve Rose Yaeger**

*Baltimore, Maryland*  
B.S. — Maryland Institute College of Art

# THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

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## *College of Education*

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING**

#### **Chinua T. Abubakar**

*Fort Washington, Maryland*  
B.S. — University of Maryland,  
College Park

#### **Uriel Amador**

*Greenbelt, Maryland*  
B.A. — National University of Costa Rica

#### **Eldorado Edward Anderson**

*Columbia, Maryland*  
B.S. — Virginia State University

#### **Alvin Terrell Campbell Jr.**

*Temple Hills, Maryland*  
B.S. — University of the  
District of Columbia

#### **Kayla M. Cohen**

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

#### **Jasmine Marie Daniels**

*Oxon Hill, Maryland*  
B.S. — Indiana University of Pennsylvania

#### **Brustina D. Dillard**

*Upper Marlboro, Maryland*  
B.A. — Spelman College

#### **Deidra Lynne Fryer**

*Laurel, Maryland*  
B.A. — Spelman College

#### **Raven Nicole Harris**

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

#### **Kiera Janea Holmes**

*Greenbelt, Maryland*  
B.A. — Winston Salem State University

#### **Christopher Alexander Hosey**

*Lanham, Maryland*  
B.S. — Morgan State University

#### **Samantha Noel Kelsey**

*Bowie, Maryland*  
B.S. — Howard University

#### **Jordan Lee Kilson**

*Capitol Heights, Maryland*  
B.S. — Dillard University

#### **Michelle McCray**

*Washington, D.C.*  
B.A. — University of Maryland  
Eastern Shore

#### **Deja Marie Smith**

*Fredericksburg, Virginia*  
B.S. — Old Dominion University

#### **Kathy-Ann Elaine St. Hill-St. Lawrence**

*Baltimore, Maryland*  
B.A. — University of Maryland,  
Baltimore County

#### **D'Ambra Alyshia Taylor**

*Port Orange, Florida*  
B.S. — University of Florida

#### **Nicole Danielle Williams**

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

#### **Armani Marshai Wood**

*Suitland, Maryland*  
B.A. — Cleveland State University

#### **Amon Yisrael**

*Bowie, Maryland*  
B.S. — Miami University Hamilton

### **MASTER OF EDUCATION IN READING**

#### **Frances Carrera Ashcraft**

*College Park, Maryland*  
B.S. — Towson University

#### **Denise Marie Coss**

*Bowie, Maryland*  
B.S. — West Liberty State College

#### **Tricia Raelynn Kaye**

*Edgewater, Maryland*  
B.S. — Valley Forge Christian College

#### **Atiyah W. Okanlawon**

*Beltsville, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

#### **Antoinese D. Washington**

*Temple Hills, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

#### **Patrice Jasmine Willis**

*Upper Marlboro, Maryland*  
B.S. — Ohio Wesleyan University

### **MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION**

#### **Kevin Alexander Seay**

*Laurel, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

### **MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOL COUNSELING**

#### **Nicole Beth Beard**

*Gambrills, Maryland*  
B.S. — Towson University

#### **Morgan Louise Foes**

*Waldorf, Maryland*  
B.S. — University Maryland,  
Baltimore County

#### **Niaya Greene**

*Bowie, Maryland*  
B.A. — Clark Atlanta University

#### **Christina D. Owens**

*Baltimore, Maryland*  
B.S. — Towson University

#### **Alayna J. Parker**

*Owings, Maryland*  
B.S. — Salisbury University

# THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

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## *College of Education*

### **MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOL COUNSELING *continued***

**Carolyn Patreese Thorpe**  
*Waldorf, Maryland*  
B.A. — Bennett College

**Danielle E. Tines**  
*Largo, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

### **MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**Laeyonna Cheyenne Blackstone**  
*Waldorf, Maryland*  
B.S. — University Maryland College Park

**Helen Shulman**  
*Silver Spring, Maryland*  
B.A. — Queens College

### **MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Mario Ernesto Diaz-Aviles**  
*Hyattsville, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

**Dezmon Gerrel Ouzts**  
*Upper Marlboro, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

**Aaron Jermaine Pankey**  
*Bowie, Maryland*  
B.S. — Howard University

**Kelly Ann Sandok**  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
B.S. — Indiana University of Pennsylvania

**Ariel Dean Scruggs Stone**  
*Laurel, Maryland*  
B.S. — Howard University

**Cindy Zhou**  
*Silver Spring, Maryland*  
B.S. — McDaniel College

# THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

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## *College of Professional Studies*

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Moniah Ghassan S. Amer**  
*Vienna, Virginia*  
B.S. — King Saud University

**Anthony Carter**  
*Suitland, Maryland*  
B.A. — Virginia Union University

**Ashley Monica Douglas**  
*Hyattsville, Maryland*  
B.A. — Howard University

**Melanie Cierra Green**  
*Odenton, Maryland*  
B.S. — Eastern Nazarene College

**Myra Haileselassie**  
*Crofton, Maryland*  
B.S. — Nyack College

**Jasmine Alea Harvey**  
*Hyattsville, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

**Ayris Juwaun Hopkins**  
*Olney, Maryland*  
B.A. — West Chester University

**Jasmine A. Ingram**  
*Laurel, Maryland*  
B.S. — Shepherd University

**Morgan Ashli Richardson**  
*Flint, Michigan*  
B.S. — Baker College

**Nytasha Monique Sheff**  
*Indian Head, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

**Precious Chinwe Abidoye**  
*Upper Marlboro, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

**Lawretta Aghomon**  
*Elkridge, Maryland*  
B.S. — Bowie State University

**Darrick Laroyce Cochran**  
*Baltimore, Maryland*  
B.S. — Georgia Southern University

**Parris Lenise Harper**  
*Westminster, Maryland*  
B.S. — Stevenson University

**Amber Luck**  
*Accokeek, Maryland*  
B.S. — University of Central Florida

**Ryan Alyce Powell**  
*Upper Marlboro, Maryland*  
B.S. — Norfolk State University

# THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

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## *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

Kieran E. Adegbaye	Aerial E. Fredrick	Kerry Kay C. Pinnock	Yaye Sy
Arielle L. Andrews	Carolyn Kerisha Hines	Sarah C. Pond	Kayla Marie Sykes
Oluwakemi Olutope	Asya Hunter	Sequoyah S. Saunders	Leheist Samuel Tavares
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Tiffani Amber Bogan	Julia Nechelle Hawkins	Victor Manuel Rivas	Jonyiesa Latrice White
Aaron Bouchey	Patrice Leann Mariah Henry	Jayliah Troi Sanders	Roy Charles Woo
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### *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

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## *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

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## *University History*

**B**owie 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 6,300 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.

# BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

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## *University History*

### 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.

Now more than ever, Bowie State University is 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 6,300 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 25 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.
- 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

- 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.

#### 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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## *History of Chief Executive Officers*

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| 1. <b>Mr. Leonard Waterman</b><br>*Principal (1865–1866)                                      | 11. <b>Dr. William Edward Henry</b><br>President (1942–1967)                                                                                                                                                                               | 18. <b>Dr. Nathanael Pollard</b><br>President (1993–1999)                              |
| 2. <b>Mr. H.F. Hartwell</b><br>*Principal (1866–1869)                                         | 12. <b>Dr. Samuel Lloyd Myers</b><br>President (1967–1977)                                                                                                                                                                                 | 19. <b>Dr. Wendell Holloway</b><br>Interim President<br>(January 1999–April 15, 2000)  |
| 3. <b>Mr. P. J. Doran</b><br>*Principal (1869–1870)                                           | 13. <b>Mr. Edmund C. Mester</b><br>Interim President<br>(He became ill in December 1977.<br>Ms. Carolyn Reid-Wallace was<br>appointed by the Board<br>to administer without a<br>presidential appellation from<br>December 1977–May 1978.) | 20. <b>Dr. Calvin W. Lowe</b><br>President (2000–2006)                                 |
| 4. <b>Mrs. Anne Coore</b><br>*Principal (1870–1872)                                           | 14. <b>Dr. Rufus L. Barfield</b><br>President (1978–1982)                                                                                                                                                                                  | 21. <b>Dr. Patricia Pierce Ramsey</b><br>Interim President<br>(July 1–August 31, 2006) |
| 5. <b>Professor M. A. Newell</b><br>*Principal (1872–1893)                                    | 15. <b>Ms. Marcellina Brooks</b><br>Acting President<br>(January 1983–September 1983)                                                                                                                                                      | 22. <b>Dr. Mickey L. Burnim</b><br>President<br>(September 2006–June 2017)             |
| 6. <b>Professor Alexander Chaplain</b><br>*Principal (1893–1893)                              | 16. <b>Dr. James Lyons Sr.</b><br>President (1983–1992)                                                                                                                                                                                    | 23. <b>Dr. Aminta H. Breaux</b><br>President<br>(July 2017–Present)                    |
| 7. <b>Mr. George Harrison</b><br>*Principal (1893–1911)                                       | 17. <b>Dr. Harold Delany</b><br>Interim President<br>(July 1992–July 1993)                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                        |
| 8. <b>Dr. Don Speed Smith Goodloe</b><br>*Principal (1911–1921)                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                        |
| 9. <b>Dr. Leonidas S. James</b><br>*Principal (1921–1938)<br>President (1938–1941)            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                        |
| 10. <b>Dr. Joseph Alexander Wiseman</b><br>Interim President<br>(December 1941–February 1942) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                        |

\*The title of the Chief Executive Officer was changed from Principal to President in 1938.

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