2024 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

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BULLDOG STADIUM, BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY
2024
SPRING COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 24, 2024
at Nine O’Clock in the Morning
Bulldog Stadium
Bowie State University
Bowie, Maryland
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Dr. Aminta H. Breaux has served as the visionary 10th president of Bowie State University since July 2017. From the beginning of her presidency, she has been committed to building on the legacy and rich history of Maryland’s oldest historically Black university. She has initiated a university-wide focus to infuse entrepreneurship education across all disciplines and spearheaded the opening of the Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community in the fall of 2021 to provide a hub for student innovation. As president, she is laser focused on ensuring the long-term viability of the institution.

Dr. Breaux is very committed to serving the community, specifically with programs and activities that enrich the lives of children and youth. She serves as chair of the Board of Directors for the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the Board of Trustees of the Strada Education Network and the Maryland Corps Program Advisory Board. She is also a member on the Board of Directors for the Greater Prince George’s Business Roundtable, the Prince George’s County Chamber of Commerce and the University of Maryland Capital Region Health.

Previous leadership appointments include the President Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and the Governor’s P-20 Leadership Council of Maryland.

Her most recent honors include the Maryland Daily Record Top 100 Women in 2020 and 2024, The Maryland Daily Record Power List 100 in 2023, the President Joseph R. Biden’s Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award in 2023, the Maryland Daily Record Influential Marylander in 2021 and the Diversity in Business Award, Washington Business Journal in 2021. She has also received the Educator of the Year Award from the National Council of Negro Women, the Trailblazer Award from the Bowie Business Innovation Center, in conjunction with Capital One and the Capital City Chapter Links Inc. Leadership Award.

Dr. Breaux previously served as vice president for advancement and vice president of student affairs at Millersville University. Earlier in her career, she held positions at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, and Drexel University. She began her career in higher education as a counselor at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Breaux 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.
**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

**WANDA DURANT**

PRESIDENT, DURANT FAMILY CHERITABLE FOUNDATION

Wanda Durant was born in Prince George’s County, Maryland, and nurtures the youth of her community through various educational, athletic, and social opportunities. She believes in the value of resilience, compassion and the power of giving back and has instilled those same beliefs in her two sons, Anthony Durant and NBA superstar Kevin Durant.

As President of The Durant Family Charitable Foundation, Durant spearheads the initiative to improve the lives of low-income teens by providing opportunities for advancement through numerous community projects. She has co-founded and serves as president of OUR Mothers Inc., a group of mothers affiliated with the NBA. These passionate mothers have raised notable NBA players, and they use their insights and connections to impact children, families, and the communities around them.

Her unwavering advocacy extends to various regional and national charitable organizations, including the Single Parents Support Network, Baller Moms, Positive Tomorrows, The Boys & Girls Club of America, The Salvation Army, Mothers of Professional Basketball Players and NBA Cares.

Bloomfield College awarded her an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters for her dedication to humanitarian causes and advocacy. She also serves on the Board of Tigress Financial Partners, a Fortune 100 Company championing financial literacy initiatives for vulnerable women nationwide.

Durant is a dynamic leader, a beacon of inspiration, an advocate and a force for change who uses her platform to empower champions. She delivers messages of hope, resilience, and the power of belief throughout corporations, non-profit organizations, college campuses and youth audiences.

She has delivered the keynote address to various organizations, including J.P. Morgan Chase, the Ford Foundation, Thomson Reuters, Brown Brother Harriman, and the Flamboyan Foundation. She also spoke at the White House United States of Women Summit and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference.


Durant continues to inspire individuals to embrace their potential, pursue their dreams and believe in the transformative power of hope. The film “The Real MVP: The Wanda Durant Story,” produced by Queen Latifah, captures her remarkable journey and unwavering determination, and her tireless efforts and profound impact exemplify the real MVP.
HONORARY DOCTORATE OF HUMANE LETTERS

JAMES J. MAGUIRE SR.
CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, PHILADELPHIA CONSOLIDATED HOLDING CORPORATION

James J. Maguire Sr., founder and chairman emeritus of Philadelphia Consolidated Holding Corporation, is a business innovator, academic supporter and committed humanitarian. From his initial company, The Maguire Insurance Agency, known for the specialized insurance solutions it provided for the automobile industry to the holding company that today includes several subsidiaries offering coverage in over 80 niche business markets across all 50 states, he has been at the forefront of advancing the insurance industry in America. At the same time, a compassionate heart has led Maguire to support various nonprofit and educational institutions across Philadelphia; and to create the Maguire Academy of Insurance and Risk Management at Saint Joseph’s University, Gallaudet University and Bowie State University to diversify future insurance professionals.

Maguire began his academic pursuits at Niagara University on a basketball scholarship but was declared academically ineligible after his first year. He later worked with the Reverend Hunter Guthrie at Saint Joseph’s University and learned he had dyslexia. He overcame his reading disability and graduated in 1958 with a 3.0 GPA. After graduating, Maguire formed the Maguire Insurance Agency in 1960. In 1969, his agency landed its first national account with Chevrolet dealerships and led the comprehensive WHEELWAYS program for automobile dealerships. This innovative program allowed his agency to expand to 15 offices by the mid-1970s. In 1980, he formed the Philadelphia Consolidated Holding Corporation, which now owns several subsidiaries including the Maguire Insurance Agency, Inc., an insurance marketing company, Tokio Marine Specialty Insurance Company, approved to write surplus lines insurance in all states, and the Philadelphia Insurance Company, licensed to write property and casualty insurance in all 50 states.

Maguire is also committed to giving back to his community through the Maguire Foundation which he founded with his wife, Frances. The effects of their philanthropy are visible throughout Philadelphia and beyond. The foundation focuses its support on education through the Maguire Scholars Program for early learners through college scholars and has endowed a scholarship at Bowie State University, its’ first Historically Black University partner. Since 2018, 13 Bowie State students have received Maguire Scholarships for up to four years of matriculation. The foundation also provides support for arts & humanities in the community, and to alleviate hunger and homelessness.

Saint Joseph’s University recognized Maguire’s long-term support by naming their new 38-acre Merion campus the James J. Maguire ‘58 Campus as a testament to his sustained philanthropy. The university also awarded him the Shield of Loyola, the highest honor awarded by the institution.

A Korean War veteran, James J. Maguire Sr. is a testament to hard work, dedication and community commitment. He is a recipient of the Horatio Alger Award that recognizes outstanding individuals who personify the American dream. His autobiography “Just Show Up Every Day,” chronicles the history of Philadelphia Insurance Companies, the Maguire family, and his struggle with dyslexia.
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.

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.

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.
THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

DR. AMINTA H. BREAUX
President, 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
Arranged by Mark Hayes
Kayla Adams, Soloist, & the University Symphonic Band

"LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING"
by James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson
Arrangement by Brandon Felder, Director
Bowie State University Concert Choir

MOMENT OF REFLECTION
Dr. William Lewis
Mace Bearer

GREETINGS & CHARGES TO THE GRADUATES
Dr. Aminta H. Breaux
President, Bowie State University

William T. Wood
Regent, University System of Maryland

Stephanie Nelson
President, Senior Class

Ephonia Green
President, Graduate Student Association

VIDEO CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2024
Kamala Harris
Vice President of the United States

Wes Moore
Governor of Maryland

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS
Karen J. Shaheed, Esq.
Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Chief of Staff

"ALL WE ASK"
by Donnie McClurkin
Arranged by Cliff Duren
Bowie State University Concert Choir
THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER
President Aminta H. Breaux

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Wanda Durant
President, Durant Family Charitable Foundation

“ZOOM!”
by Ayatey Shabazz
University Symphonic Band
Billy Bennett, Director

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE
James J. Maguire, Sr.

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES
Dr. Guy-Alain Amoussou
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Dr. Guy-Alain Amoussou

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES
Dr. Janet Guyden, Interim Dean, Graduate School
Dr. George Acquaah, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Regina Tawah, Acting Dean, College of Business
Dr. Rhonda Jeter, Dean, College of Education
Dr. Cheryl Blackman, Dean, College of Professional Studies

INDUCTION INTO THE BSU NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Darren M. Swain
President, National Alumni Association

ALMA MATER
The Bowie State University Concert Choir

RETIRING OF THE COLORS
BSU Army Reserve Officers Training Corps
LTC Kareem Y. Fernandez, Commander

ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL
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 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

Mahfoudh Mohammad Batarfi
Fairfax, Virginia
B.A. — King Saud University
M.A. — King Saud University
“Optimization of Graph Convolutional Networks with Variational Graph Autoencoder Architecture for 3D Face Reconstruction Task”

Anthony Antonio Herron
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University
“Action Selection Using Active Logic for Target Search in Unknown Environments”

Hubert Kyeremateng-Boateng
Severn, Maryland
B.A. — Baylor University
M.L.A. — Harvard University
“Trustworthiness of Neural Network Predictions”

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Everett M. Davis
Gaithersburg, Maryland
B.A. — University of Maryland College Park
M.S. — Bowie State University
“Where is the Village? Ways to Promote Increased Family Engagement for Students of Color Through the Lens of Pupil Personnel Workers (PPWs)”

Annette Cheryl Harris
Columbia, Maryland
B.A. — University of Maryland Eastern Shore
M.S. — University of Maryland Baltimore County
“Examining Factors Impacting Parental Engagement Among African American and Latina Mothers of Kindergarten Title I Students in a Large Suburban School System in a Mid-Atlantic State”

Victoria Alisa Holmes
Waldorf, Maryland
B.S. — Hampton University
M.A. — Saint Louis University
“Secondary Social Studies Teachers’ Perspective on the Role of Professional Development in Enhancing Literacy Instruction”
THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Tariq Fahad Alluhaidan
Vienna, Virginia
B.S. — King Saud University

Abraham Tadesse Ewnetu
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland Global Campus
M.S. — Bowie State University

Olufifunmi Timothy Iwasanmiv
Hyattsville, Maryland
B.E. — Federal University of Technology

Ayen Kuol Deng Kuol
Plano, Texas
B.S. — Florida International University

Uchenna Florence Ndolo
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland Global Campus

Joseph Dassault Ndoumin
Hyattsville, Maryland
B.S. — University of Douala

Pius Oyugi Odhiambo
Baltimore, Maryland
B.E. — Kenyatta University
M.S. — University Maryland Global Campus

Adeniyi Emmanuel Owoeye
Bowie, Maryland
B.E. — University of Ilorin

Fahmina Nur Salma
Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — Manarat International University

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERNET OF THINGS & INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES
Louise Bassog
Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Devin Andre Clifton Cash
Springdale, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Louis E. McDonald
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Oluwafumilola E. Ogunseye
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

MASTER OF ARTS IN ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
Tasheka Barnett
Hyattsville, Maryland
B.A. — University Of Maryland Global Campus

Ashley Monet Brehon
Severn, Maryland
B.S. — Southern New Hampshire

Jordan Alexander Christian
White Plains, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Marena Jeneva Ford
Frederick, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Keshane D. Hinckley
Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Zakiya R. McFarlane
Silver Spring, Maryland
B.A. — Washington Adventist University

Zachary J. Montgomery
White Plains, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Olasunkanmi Adesanya Ogunade
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B.S. — University of East London

Keshi Parker
Capital Heights, Maryland
B.S. — Howard University

Torya McCardy Powell
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland Global Campus

Leheist Samuel Tavares
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — University of Largos

Calbeah Marie Thompson
Hyattsville, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Vanessa Turkson
Crofton, Maryland
B.B.A. — University of Ghana

Angelica A. Tyler
Gaithersburg, Maryland
B.S. — Mount St. Mary's University

Daionna Dayquon Camille Young
Lanham, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University
THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Dyamond Denise Blackman-Buckle
Gaithersburg, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Paige Marie Chatmon
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Morgan State University

Jordan Edward Conn
Montgomery Village, Maryland
B.S. — Hampton University

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

Awunngia Atemnkeng Foretia
New Carrollton, Maryland
B.S. — Pennslyvania State University
M.S. — Bowie State University

Tiffany Hunt
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.A. — Hampton University

A’Hja M. Mays
Mays Landing, New Jersey
B.S. — Montclair State University

Britnee Felicia McCauley
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Oluwademilade Olamire Tope-Banjoko
Rockville, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland College Park

Brandon Lynn Williams
District Heights, Maryland
B.S. — Delaware State University
B.S. — Bowie State University

MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Ibitola Naomi Akin-Ogunti
Hyattsville, Maryland
B.S. — University of Abuja

Meshal Mansour M. Albesher Sr.
Sterling, Virginia
B.S. — Lasell University

Tiffany Leah Brown
District Heights, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Stephanie Renee Gilliam
LaPlata, Maryland
B.A. — Lancaster Bible College

Tishy Greene Hall
Crofton, Maryland
B.S. — University of North Carolina Greensboro

Odell S. Mark
Hanover, Maryland
B.A. — American Public University

Chinenye Gbemisola Okatta
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — Pan-Atlantic University

Anna Lee Ricks
La Plata, Maryland
B.S. — American Public University

Rya L. Soden
Windsor Mill, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Allan Christopher Stubbs
San Jacinto, California
B.S. — Black Hills State University

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS & SCIENCES

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College Park, Maryland
B.S. — Bowen University

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Largo, Maryland
B.S. — University of Largos & Largos City Polytechnic

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Severn, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

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B.S. — Bowie State University

Jonathan D. Hairston
Accokeek, Maryland
B.S. — North Carolina A&T State University

Adeola Remilekun Ibilogbe
Ellicott City, Maryland
B.S. — Afe Babalao University

Kelechi C. Nwadike
Silver Spring, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

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Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — University of Ibadan

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B.S. — Obafemi Awolowo University
M.B.A. — Obafemi Awolowo University

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Fort Washington, Maryland
B.S. — Delaware State University

Jakerya Janai Randolph
Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — Frostburg State University

Ifeoluwa O Talabi
Clinton, Maryland
B.S. — Black Hills State University

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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Windsor Mill, Maryland
B.S. — Frostburg State University

Toyoa Michelle Bing-Young
Capitol Heights, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland Global Campus

Calvin John Charles III
Fort Washington, Maryland
B.A. — Hampden-Sydney College

Anthony Tunde Esho
Beltsville, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

Jaielyn Erica Faith Kelley
Clinton, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

Alpha B. Lewally
Lanham, Maryland
B.S. — Devry University

Nicole Mack
Gwynn Oak, Maryland
B.A. — University of Baltimore

Devon T. McCready
Elkridge, Maryland
B.S. — Morgan State University

Hilda S. Naluwango
Brooklyn, Maryland
B.S. — American Public University

Grace Marie Okorie Onwuchekwa
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — Schiller International University

Tiffany Monique West
Washington, D.C.
B.S. — Trinity Washington University
THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

MASTER OF ARTS
IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY
Christopher Joseph Ashford
Clinton, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Anthony Arthur Barnes
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — Concordia College New York

Karima Sumayyah El-Amin
Montgomery Village, Maryland
B.S. — University Of Maryland Global Campus

Janyl Meri Hardisty
Odenton, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

Destiny Chabriay Harris-Nelson
Washington, D.C.
B.S. — University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Grace O. Kolawole
Odenton, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Sydni Nicole Love
Temple Hills, Maryland
B.A. — North Carolina A&T State University

Deanna Lanell Moore
Gwynn Oak, Maryland
B.A. — Salisbury University
B.A. — University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Sandra Obidiegwu
Nottingham, Maryland
B.S. — California State East Bay

T’Ana Ja’Nette Patterson
Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — Morgan State University

Mysore Shyam
Hagerstown, Maryland
M.B.A. — Cameron University

Grace Waithera Smith
Middle River, Maryland
B.S. — University of Nevada Las Vegas

Shomari Todd
Fort Washington, Maryland
B.S. — Sewanee, The University of the South

MASTER OF ARTS
IN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING
Jessica Johannah Creekmore
Edgewater, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland College Park

Christiana DuBose
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Western New Mexico University

Asia Simone Farmer
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Christopher Newport University

Aya Louise Porter
Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — Fayetteville State University

Whalnisha Rita Verbal
Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — Fayetteville State University

MASTER OF EDUCATION
IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY
Keirrah Danielle Beckett
Suitland, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Samantha Marie Hunt
Davidsonville, Maryland
B.A. — Ashford University

Jessica Robinson
Brandywine, Maryland
B.A. — North Carolina A&T State University
M.E. — Coppin State University

Dajonaire Washington
Waldorf, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Lisa Marie Woods
Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — Notre Dame of Maryland University

Tisam Yusuf
Silver Spring, Maryland
B.A. — University of Maryland College Park

MASTER OF ARTS
IN TEACHING
Naya T. Davis
Laurel, Maryland
B.A. — University of Maryland Baltimore County

Anthony Lenhardt
Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — North Carolina Central University

Katherine M. Saniga
Dunkirk, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

Ashley Alexanora Smith
Silver Spring, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

Amon Yisrael
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Miami University Hamilton

MASTER OF EDUCATION
IN READING
Jennah Asiya Abdul-Aziz
Gwynn Oak, Maryland
B.S — Towson University

Sydney Marie Campbell
Cheverly, Maryland
B.A. — University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Malaika T. Jackson
Severn, Maryland
B.A. — Bowie State University

Jazmine Nicole Newton
College Park, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Devia A. Pitter
Silver Spring, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Silvia Yanneth Ramos Rios
Riverdale, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Arthelia Latanya Seymour
District Heights, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Tola S. Walker
Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — Trinity Washington University

RETURN TO TOC
THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

MASTER OF EDUCATION
IN SCHOOL COUNSELING
Alexandria Nichole Buettner
Nottingham, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University
Belvette Militza Gomez Cordon
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Marymount University

Helen Sarah Hardy
Waldorf, Maryland
B.A. — University of Maryland
Eastern Shore

Alicia Monique Mills
Takoma Park, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Caila Marie Suda White
Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — McDaniel College

Syedah J. White
District Heights, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

MASTER OF EDUCATION
IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
Evelyn Ruth Buehlman
Ellicott City, Maryland
B.S. — Morgan State University

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN NURSING
Samantha Marie Child
Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

Matthew Joseph Gordon
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — State University of New York
DownState Health Sciences University

Yashica Nakitia Ladejobi
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Bobbie Le’Ann Walker
Atlanta, Georgia
B.S. — Morgan State University
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

Olaoluwa O. Adewoye
Grace Etonam Agbali
Kevon Deandre’ Allen
Steffanny G. Avila
Giselle Balderas
Sean Christopher Bean
Olusola E. Beckley
Carrie Lynn Cluster
Desia Latrice Couser
Jordyn A. Crockett-Hill
Amanda Renee Cusick
Terrence R. Douglas
Diana E. Francisco
Karen Marie Fitzgerald
Casey Lee Gargagliano
Sydney A. Hailes
Donna Lee Heffner
Elliana V. Henneberg
Stefanie Rose Jung
Rayna N. King
Ian Gabriell G. Mondares
Philip Nguyen
Zina Fenay Oliver
Percival Abigania Parlaide Jr
Lj Damaso Ramirez
Norsha C. Rankine
Hunter V. Samuel
Ali T. Smith
Dawn Marie Smith
Jontae Shane Stewart
Michael Kenneth Sutton
Dai’Zae I. Taft
Sangam Thapa
Kyle R. Vermette
Janay Gabrielle Wilson

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

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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.
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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, reimagined in 2018 and first used during the inauguration of Dr. Breaux, 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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**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 in 1951 and secondary education in 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 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.
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UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

LEADING BOWIE STATE INTO THE FUTURE

Bowie State University empowers more than 6,400 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 Best Colleges 2024 ranks Bowie State at #16 among the nations top HBCUs making it #10 among public 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’s graduate programs in education, nursing, computer science and public administration were recognized among the nation’s best by the U.S. News & World Report’s 2023 Best Graduate Schools ranking.

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

• 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.
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