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

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

Dr. Breaux is committed to serving her community, particularly with programs and support activities that enrich the lives of children and youth. She is a member of the board of directors for the Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable, Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce and the University of Maryland Capital Region Health.

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.
Voting rights champion, political leader and bestselling author Stacey Abrams is an outspoken advocate in the fight to expand voting access and is the New York Times-bestselling author of “Our Time Is Now” and “Lead from the Outside.”

She is widely credited with increasing voter turnout in Georgia in the 2020 presidential election, as well as in the state’s 2020–21 U.S. Senate election and special election. She was nominated for a 2021 Nobel Peace Prize for her efforts. She made history in 2019 as the first African-American woman to deliver a response to the State of the Union address.

She was the nation's first African-American female major-party gubernatorial nominee when she ran as the Democratic candidate in the 2018 Georgia governor's race, winning more votes, at the time, than any Democrat in state history. Before her gubernatorial run, she served as Democratic Leader of the Georgia House of Representatives for seven years.

Abrams has launched several organizations to address inequities in government. She started Fair Fight Action to ensure every American has a voice in our election system, Fair Count to ensure accuracy in the 2020 Census and the Southern Economic Advancement Project, a public policy initiative to broaden economic power and build equity in the South.

Abrams holds a Juris Doctor degree from Yale Law School, a Master of Public Affairs degree from University of Texas at Austin and a bachelor’s degree from Spelman College.
PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Major Riddick Jr.
PUBLIC SERVANT & ENTREPRENEUR

Maj or Riddick Jr. is a distinguished public servant and a successful entrepreneur, who made history as the nation’s first African-American to serve as chief of staff to the Maryland governor.

Riddick has enjoyed an extraordinary public service career marked by a series of firsts, serving for more than 25 years in leadership roles with Prince George’s County and the state of Maryland. He was the first African-American appointed to serve as chief administrative officer for Prince George’s County, the highest professional position in county government, after having served the county as budget analyst, executive director of the Housing Authority, director of housing and community development and director of the Office of Budget and Management.

In 1995, he became the first African-American to serve as chief of staff for the Maryland governor and the only African-American chief of staff to any governor in the country at the time. Riddick also served as Maryland’s first chief of technology, helping to lay the groundwork for the state’s digital transformation.

In 2019, Prince George’s County Executive Angela Alsobrooks appointed him to serve again as chief administrative officer.

Riddick has held several volunteer leadership positions that demonstrate his commitment to community service. He has served as president of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators and was a board member for the Airport Minority Advisory Council.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s degree in public administration from Virginia Tech. He is also a graduate of Harvard University’s Executive Leadership Training Program.
THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

DR. AMINTA H. BREAUX
President of the University, Presiding

POSTING OF THE COLORS
BSU Reserve Officers Training Corps

WELCOME REMARKS
Dr. Aminta H. Breaux
President

CONGRATULATIONS REMARKS
Mr. Darren Swain
President, Bowie State University National Alumni Association

Mr. Larry Hogan
Governor, State of Maryland

Mr. Nathaniel Sansom
Student Regent, University System of Maryland Board of Regents

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER
Ms. Aminat Ariyo
President, Senior Class

Ms. Breanna Johnson
Director of Communications, Graduate Student Association

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Ms. Stacey Abrams
Voting Rights Champion and Political Leader

PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE
Dr. Aminta H. Breaux
President

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Candidates for Degrees Presented by
Dr. Carl Goodman
Provost

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES
Dr. Carl Goodman
Provost

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES
Dr. Aminta H. Breaux
President
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 Education in Educational Leadership

Norman Lee Coleman
Bowie, Maryland
M.Ed. — University of Delaware
B.S. — University of Delaware
A Study of School Leadership and Gifted Black Male Students

Cynthia Farmer
Bowie, Maryland
M.Ed. — Bowie State University
B.S. — Seton Hall University
Factors that Impact the Retention of Elementary Teachers of Color in Title One and Non-Title One Schools in an Urban School District in a Mid-Atlantic State

Emerald Brenette Fulmore
Burtonsville, Maryland
MBA — Morgan State University
B.S. — Winston Salem State University
Alternative Roads to Leadership Roles in Athletic Administration for African American Women “Securing Your Seat at the Table”

Stephanie McLeod
Bowie, Maryland
M.Ed. — Bowie State University
B.S. — Johnson C. Smith University
The Impact of Music Training on Mathematics Achievement of Eleventh Grade Algebra 2 Students in an Urban District

Rachel Anite Thompson
Lanham, Maryland
M.A. — Bowie State University
B.S. — Bowie State University
A Study Investigating Pupil Personnel Workers’ Perspectives of Restorative Justice Approaches
THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Arts and Sciences

MASTER OF ARTS
IN ENGLISH
Kendra Acquanetta Artis
Washington, D.C.
B.A. — University of the District of Columbia

Shansa K. Barrow
Odenton, Maryland
B.A. — Brown University

Mark Cox
Baltimore, Maryland
B.A. — Howard University

Shannon A. Ferguson
Silver Spring, Maryland
B.A. — Coppin State University

Angela Sydney James
Waldorf, Maryland
B.A. — University of Maryland

Patricia Ann Johnson
Woodbine, Maryland
B.A. — University of Maryland

Chaquina Angela Jones
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.A. — Washington State University

Edwin Philip Julien
Columbia, Maryland
B.S. — New York Institute of Technology

Ashley Danielle Monroe
Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University

Alexandra Abolarinwa Omogbadegun
Severn, Maryland
B.S. — Covenant University

MASTER OF ARTS
IN ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
Amgad Alasmari
Temple Hills, Maryland
B.S. — Princess Nora Bint Abdul Rahman University

Mohammed Aldosari
Silver Spring, Maryland
B.S. — International College

Waad Ali Alferaehy
Fairfax, Virginia
B.S. — Marymount University

Khalid Homoud Alharbi
Alexandria, Virginia
B.S. — Al Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University

Abdullah M. Alzahrani Sr.
Vienna, Virginia
B.A. — Al Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University

Brenden Kyle Ashby
Germantown, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Gregory Bargeman
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — University of North Carolina

Vance E. Brinkley
Hyattsville, Maryland
B.S. — Morgan State University

Joyneida Lashaunda Brown
Frederick, Maryland
B.S. — University of Toledo

Gaella Patricia Claude
Hyattsville, Maryland
B.S. — Florida Atlantic University

Asha Brianna Chalet’ Curry
Accokeek, Maryland
B.S. — Salisbury University

Andra Howard
Temple Hills, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

James T. Potts III
Suitland, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Rhonda Kay Singletary
Annapolis, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland

Ashley Janelle G. Stewart
Crofton, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

David Lee Thompson
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Jamal Wallace
Fredericksburg, Virginia
B.S. — Virginia Union University

Damon R. Wilson
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Staphord Eliphace Bengesi
Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — University of Dar-Es-Salaam

Yordanos Solomon Bezabeh
Washington, D.C.
B.S. — Corcora College

Shreya Shah
Burtonsville, Maryland
B.A. — University of Maryland

MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN MATHEMATICS
Nia Michelle Massey
Washington, D.C.
B.S. — Spelman College
THE GRADUATE PROGRAM
College of Business

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Drew Alexandra Arnett
Washington, D.C.
B.S. — Coppin State University

Brittney Monique Bynum
Clinton, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Karlesha Ebony Dorsey
Waldorf, Maryland
B.S. — Florida State University

Devin Antwain Douglas
Fort Washington, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Glendon Avery Gragg
Tulsa, Oklahoma
B.S. — University of Tulsa

Alexandria Cherisse Hunter
Fort Washington, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

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

Charles J. Meheux
Riverdale, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

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Hyattsville, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Tawakalitu Funmilola Olanigbogbo
Greenbelt, Maryland
B.S. — Fairfield University

Julia Scott Rouhi
Gambrills, Maryland
B.S. — Ithaca College

Brandon Sharp
Clinton, Maryland
B.S. — North Carolina Central University

Tarita Leshay Walters
Fort Washington, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

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Andre Arthur
Capitol Heights, Maryland
B.A. — Frostburg State University

Ismaila Babatunde Balogun
Alexandria, Virginia
B.A. — University of Lagos

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Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland

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Columbia, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

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B.S. — Bowie State University

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Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — Benedict College

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B.A. — University of Central Florida

Ranelle Monique Skipper
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B.A. — University of Louisiana

Maya Spiers
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B.S. — King Faisal University

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Lakeland, Florida
B.S. — Bowie State University

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B.S. — University of Jos
THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Business

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Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Kenyatta University

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Bristow, Virginia
B.S. — Keyatta University

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B.S. — University of Maryland

College of Education

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B.A. — University of Maryland

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B.S. — Bowie State University

Niamani Mayes
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Capital University

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Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Fisk University

Zyaire Monet Neal
Harwood, Maryland
B.S. — Stevenson University

Onoisewealu Orhuare Osunbor
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B.S. — University of Nigeria

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B.S. — Bowie State University

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B.S. — Spelman College

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- **Ashlee S. Lindsay**  
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THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

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Rockville, Maryland
B.S. — Temple University

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IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
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B.S. — Bowie State University

William Thomas Fierstein
North Potomac, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

College of Professional Studies

MASTER OF ARTS
IN HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
Mohammed Khulaif Alanazi
Fairfax, Virginia
B.S. — University of the District of Columbia

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Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

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B.A. — Princess Nourah Bint Abdilrahman University

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Hyattsville, Maryland
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B.S. — Missouri Western State College

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

Donna F. Morgan
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Wazaino Luther Msimbwa
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B.S. — Trinity Washington University

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B.S. — Central University College

Omomunmi Juliet Omomo
Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — International College

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B.S. — University of Lagos

Rochelle Alexis Ross
Lanham, Maryland
B.S. — Trinity Washington University

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Silver Spring, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland
THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Professional Studies

MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN NURSING

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

Gabriela Sidania Amaya
Waldorf, Maryland
B.S. — College of Southern Maryland

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B.S. — University of Victoria

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B.S. — Pennsylvania State University

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B.S. — Bowie State University

Lauren Mon’T Moody
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Howard University

Rosemary W. Mukira
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B.S. — Notre Dame of Maryland University

Eronmwon Yvonne Okonjo
Greenbelt, Maryland
B.S. — University of Baltimore

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Lanham, Maryland
B.S. — Fairfield University

Fausat Funmilayo Olayiwola
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Hampton University

Gloria Uchenna Ojeme
Randallstown, Maryland
B.S. — Notre Dame of Maryland University

Barbara Denise Reid
Severn, Maryland
B.S. — Notre Dame of Maryland University

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACADEMIC REGALIA

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

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

The doctor’s hood is four feet long, of fuller shape, and rounded at the base. The hood is bordered with velvet, the color of which typically indicates the field of study in which the wearer’s degree was earned: dark blue for philosophy; light blue for education; orange for engineering; gold/yellow for science; green for medicine; salmon pink for public health; purple for law; white for arts and letters, etc. The silk lining of the hood carries the colors of the institution that granted the degree. If more than one degree is held, the gown and hood symbolic of the highest degree are worn.
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Bowie State University is an outgrowth of a school opened in Baltimore, Maryland, by an organization dedicated to offering educational opportunities that the state failed to provide for its black citizens. From those humble beginnings, Bowie State has become a comprehensive university with more than 6,200 diverse students, offering 23 undergraduate majors and 35 master's, doctoral and advanced certification programs in a broad range of disciplines. Bowie State University continues to build on its legacy of providing access to high-quality education.

FOUNDING OF THE FIRST SCHOOL

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

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

The association opened its first Baltimore school, School #1, on January 9, 1865, in the African Baptist Church in Crane’s Building on the corner of Calvert and Saratoga streets. The school offered courses in the elements of education. Courses to train teachers were added in 1866. The facility was woefully inadequate. In 1867, with the aid of the Freedmen’s Bureau, the Quakers of England and others, the Baltimore Association purchased and renovated the Old Friends Meeting House at the corner of Saratoga and Courtland streets to house the Baltimore Normal School for Colored Teachers.

MOVE TO BOWIE

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

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

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

TRANSITION TO A STATE LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE

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

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

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

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

TODAY’S BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

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

Money.com ranks Bowie State #3 among public historically Black colleges and universities ranked as best-value schools, and U.S. News & World Report continues to rank Bowie State among the top 30 historically black colleges and universities. Bowie State’s cybersecurity programs are recognized as a National Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security.

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 6,200 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
30 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs),
and Money.com lists Bowie State among the nation’s best
value colleges and universities.

- Bowie State’s cybersecurity programs are recognized as a
National Center for Academic Excellence in Information
Assurance Education by the National Security Agency
and the Department of Homeland Security.

- The College of Education has maintained continuous
accreditation of its professional teacher programs by the
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
(NCATE) since 1954. The college has also received
national recognition for the quality of its partnerships
with local schools that place student interns.

FIRST-CLASS TEACHING & RESEARCH

- Undergraduate natural sciences students who choose
a research track work with faculty mentors to find
breakthroughs in health and medicine.

- By partnering with local school districts, the College
of Education has launched initiatives to prepare more
students to become certified educators.

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

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

- Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community is set
to open 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.
BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

History of Chief Executive Officers

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

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