AND THE WINNERS ARE ★

Bowie State University (BSU) and its College of Education Faculty, Staff and Students! We welcomed BSU’s 10th and 1st female President, Dr. Aminta H. Breaux. President Breaux previously served as Vice President (VP) for Advancement at Millersville University, where she oversaw fundraising, alumni engagement, event management and external relations. She also served as Vice President of Student Affairs, leading several student-centered areas, including athletics, counseling services, health services, the women’s and wellness center, Greek life, campus recreation, university police, student programs, housing/residential programs, judicial affairs and financial aid. During her introductory address to the BSU community, President Breaux said: “I am passionate about public education and making sure that access and affordability of quality higher education remains part of the fabric of our communities.” Her theme is: “Racing to Excellence”. As members on her team, we are geared up, running in place and determined to win in this race.

Following twelve years as a faculty member, five years as Associate Dean and one year as Interim Dean, Dr. Rhonda Jeter was selected in July 2017 as the new Dean of the College of Education (COE). Dr. Jeter is a graduate of Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, earned a master’s degree in Family and Community Development from the University of Maryland, College Park and a Ph.D. in Professional and Scientific Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Jeter is a conscientious, considerate, caring and delightful Dean that creates a climate for thriving both developmentally and professionally. Her slogan: Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM). For the faculty, staff and students, our Dean is a BSU dream come true and she is the same for parents too!

CLT BUILDING RENAMED ★

On April 12, 2017, the “CLT” Building (Center for Learning & Technology) was renamed the “James E. Proctor, Jr. Building” after the late Maryland delegate who represented Prince George’s and Charles counties for 25 years. He was “one of our most accomplished and meritorious graduates. This is the first building named in honor of a supporter. The James E. Proctor, Jr. Building is

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home to the College of Education, where Delegate Proctor and his wife, the Honorable Elizabeth G. "Susie" Proctor, both received degrees. We are proud to extend his impact to future generations.

Delegate Proctor dedicated his life to providing quality education opportunities for Maryland students of all ages. After earning bachelor’s and master’s degrees from BSU, he spent his career as a Prince George’s County educator and a representative in the Maryland House of Delegates. With his support, BSU has received approximately $200 million in state funding. The Proctor family also initiated an endowed fund to generate much needed financial resources for our students. Support our students through the James E. Proctor Jr Endowed Fund.

THE INAUGURAL JAMES E. PROCTOR, JR. LECTURE SERIES - THE EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME... YOUR CAREER. During National Education Week, November 15, 2017, the COE with the Family of James E. Proctor, Jr., will sponsor the first annual lecture series in a panel presentation forum. The panel speakers are: Stephanie Geddie, Teacher of the Year (Howard Country PS); Dr. LaVerne Kimball (Associated Superintendent of Elementary Education (Montgomery County PS); and Adrian B. Talley, Ed.D., Executive Director of Student Services (Prince George’s County PS).

This event will be held in the James E. Proctor, Jr. Building, Room 102. After the lecture series (2:00 pm - 4:00 pm), the unveiling of a portrait of James E. Proctor, Jr. and the awarding of the first scholarship, will be followed by the Proctor Endowment Reception (4:00 pm - 6:00 pm).

FACULTY FOCUS ★

SPOTLIGHT ON

Congratulations Dr. William Drakeford! He was awarded five 5-year grants totaling $4,410,532. An article about one of the grants, in which he partnered with Dr. Susan De La Paz (University of Maryland), was published on August 28, 2017 in the UMD’s Independent Student Newspaper, The Diamondback. To read more about it, click the link below.


PUBLISHING ALERT #1 Well done, Dr. Ann Hilliard! As of this writing, Dr. Hilliard has published two research articles; one is expected to be published this fall, as well as, a book chapter (see below).

1. Research Articles - Hilliard, Ann; Jackson, Barbara; Taylor, J. Winona; Newsome, Edward, Jr.; Smith, Barbara (2017). Leadership Faculty Members Reflect on their Own Co-Team Teaching Experiences in the Practicum and Internship Course. International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences. ISSN: 2279-0837, Vol. 22 Issue 8, P. ISSN: 2279-0845. pp. 01-17


**PUBLISHING ALERT #2** Congratulations, to Three COE Faculty - Dr. Yvonne Crawford, Dr. Julius Davis and Dr. Lynne Long!

1. Goings, Ramon B., Davis, Julius, Britto, Joseph and Greene, Dijaria (2017). The influence of mentoring on the academic trajectory of a 17-year-old Black male college sophomore from the United Kingdom: a single case study. Mentoring & Tutoring: Partnership in Learning. (Peer-Reviewed) http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13611267.2017.1364853 *Publication with BSU undergraduate and graduate students* Note: This article features a doctoral student in the educational leadership program, Dijaria Greene.


**Shine On: Man of Valor & Purpose!**

Dr. Joseph Spears will be the Keynote Speaker for the Maryland College Personnel Association (MCPA) Fall Conference on October 20th at Howard Community College, Columbia, MD. The MCPA is a division of the American College Personnel Assoc., which provides leadership to the student personnel professionals in higher education. Dr. Spears obtained his Ed.D. in Sports Management. His Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees are in Christian Studies and Higher Education. He has held positions as a pastor, sport chaplain, adjunct professor of Sports Media and Entertainment and teaching assistant. He currently serves as Assistant Professor of Sports Management and Faculty Athletic Representative at BSU. All of his experiences have enabled him to hone his skills in leading and working with university faculty, staff, parents, undergraduate and graduate students in facilitating programs. Dr. Spears has presented at numerous professional conferences on topics related to the sports industry. His research interest centers around sports and its impact on the economy, religious institutions, their constituents and stakeholders. Our hats are off to Dr. Joseph Spears!

**CONGRATULATIONS, DR. LYNNE LONG & DR. YVONNE CRAWFORD ON BEING AWARDED TENURE!**
GRANTS AND AWARD ★

In a collaborative effort, Drs. Cubie Bragg, Masica Jordan, Darla Scott and Jennifer West, submitted a single grant application for the Community Health Worker Program: Paraprofessional Certificate Track in the amount of $1,021,868 over four years, in response to Funding Opportunity HRSA 17-070, titled Behavioral Heath Workforce Education and Training Program. The goals are to create a sustainable model for the recruitment and training of an increased number of certified PRSs and registered RPSs within the state of Maryland through engaging courses, project-based community internships and an increased number of peer recovery trainers over the four-year performance period. Their Aim Statement reads: By August 2021, BSU plans to partner with Mission Peer Recovery Training to create a sustainable model for the recruitment and training of 275 students who will be trained as Peer Recovery Specialists and Registered Peer Supervisors who will also commit to working with disadvantaged Maryland communities. They received the grant award in September 2017. Good work, good doctors and best wishes on achieving your goals!

USM Grant Award. Drs. Kimetta R. Hairston (PI), Julius Davis (Co-PI), and Lynne Long (Co-PI) are principal investigators (PI) for a University System of Maryland (USM) grant entitled “Collaborative Video Lab: Enhancing Pre-Service Teacher Experiences Through Culturally Responsive Pedagogy”. They were awarded $25,196 to help pre-service teacher candidates develop a deeper understanding of culturally responsive pedagogy along with the tools and strategies to enhance their diversity and technology skills. This grant will focus on three USM competencies to prepare pre-service teachers to: learn about students’ cultural, religious, family intellectual and personal experiences and resources for use in instruction; to analyze instruction for the purpose of improving it; and to provide oral and written feedback to students in order to gain these competencies, students will participate in culturally responsive workshops, video record culturally responsive practices, activities, engage in self and collaborative reflection and evaluation of culturally responsive practices, book study, community and cultural tours, and will complete assignments to become culturally responsive educators. COE faculty and adjuncts: Drs. Jennifer West, Akeda Pearson and William Blake will be working to facilitate the workshops; and Dr. Janeula Burt will as serve the evaluator and researcher for the grant.

NSF Grant Award. Dr. Julius Davis is the lead Principal Investigator (PI) for a National Science Foundation two-year research grant award entitled “Black Males in Middle School: Investigating How STEM Mentoring Programs and Experiences Influences Their Academic and Career Interest in Engineering (HBCU-DCL EAGER)”. Dr. Jumoke K. Ladeji-Osias, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Morgan State University is the Co-PI for the grant awarded in the amount of $249,066. The study will examine the pedagogical and mentoring practices and strategies used to increase students’ interest in engineering concepts, coursework, majors, and careers. The study will also use a mixed method approach to collect qualitative and quantitative data sources in the form of individual and focus group interviews, surveys, video recordings, and classroom observations. The proposed exploratory research study will examine Black male middle school students’ participation in informal engineering programs at four Historically Black Colleges and Universities:
Morgan State University, Jackson State University, Kentucky State University and North Carolina A&T University. Dr. Sean Coleman, Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership Department, in the COE at BSU and Dr. Ramon Goings, Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership Department, School of Education, Loyola University of Maryland, will serve as the lead qualitative researchers for the study.

Award Winning ★ Earlier this year, the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Programs Board of Directors awarded accreditation for two graduate counseling programs in the Department of Counseling. Attaining CACREP accreditation demonstrates a heightened commitment by the COE in meeting the highest academic standards in the School Counseling (SCOU) and Mental Health Counseling (MHCO) programs in the Department. BSU is the only institution in the University System of Maryland with this accreditation.

During the spring 2018 semester, Dr. Julius Davis will be on sabbatical developing two books and conducting research. The first book, Critical Race Theory in Mathematics Education, will be published through Routledge and co-edited with Christopher Jett of University of West Georgia. The second book, No One Taught Me How to Create School and Classroom Environments to Support the Academic and Social Success of Black Male Students, Information Age Publishing. Co-authors will be: Cherrel Miller-Dyce, Elon University and Shadonna Gunn, Independent Consultant. Dr. Davis will also continue his research of Black male students and teachers with grant funding support from the National Science Foundation and Bowie Career/Collaboration and Research Excellence for Scholars (Bowie C²ARES) program.

STARRING STUDENTS ★

Doctoral candidate, Deborah Holmes (Educational Studies & Leadership) is currently working with Dr. Amy Glass (Praxis Lab Coordinator) to complete her dissertation research. During the summer of 2017, they worked together to create and analyze data collected for this research project, including reading achievement data compiled from three urban middle charter schools. The purpose of Ms. Holmes’ research is to identify any possible relationships between servant instructional leadership behaviors and reading literacy achievement. Ms. Holmes anticipates completing her doctoral research in May 2018.

Caitlin McCrimmon 21’ is a freshman student hailing from Washington, DC. She is outspoken, articulate and well-mannered. Ms. McCrimmon has been at the University for a short time but has already begun to start her imprint on campus. She is an active member with two women’s organizations, Queen in You and Bowie Sisters United. She recently attended a conference at the National Education Association headquarters in Washington, D.C. with the Maryland State Educators Association known as the Education Club at BSU. With Caitlin’s drive and dedication to her education, we look forward to all her accomplishments during her matriculation here at BSU.
Teaching Here, There & Everywhere.
The COE is proud to announce that all Teacher Candidates that graduated in May 2017 have positions either in Prince George’s County or Anne Arundel County. One decided to go to graduate school and one is working in his father’s business as an accountant.

Currently, from other graduating classes we have two in Georgia, Quinton Perry in Las Vegas, several in Virginia, one in Dubai, Stephanie Brame in Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates) and several in the District of Columbia and Baltimore City Public Schools. Many of the interns have gone on to be Teacher Leaders serving in various capacities.

Hattie Mae Strong Scholarship. Marjorie Vilson and Takera Henderson are the winners of this scholarship and each will receive $5,000. The overall mission of the Hattie Mae Strong Foundation is, “To Help Young People of Promise”.

The future “Drs.” Brandon McKay-Davis, Avery Thomas and John Watts worked with faculty mentor Dr. Julius Davis for 9 weeks this past summer learning and conducting research of Black male teachers. This research team was awarded the Summer Undergraduate Research Institute (SURI) grant sponsored by BSU’s Education Innovation Initiative (EI²) and Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs. The team presented their research findings at the SURI research symposium, submitted a symposium proposal to the American Educational Research Association 2018 annual conference and are currently working to complete several research papers for publication.

The 2017 STEM Summer Enrichment Camp was held in partnership with BSU’s COE, the Department of Teaching, Learning and Professional Development and the Prince George’s Education Coalition. Sports was used to involve 1-6 grade students in STEM projects and activities. In addition, students learned to use the steps in the engineering process to solve problems. The camp was held at Francis Scott Key and Cora Rice Elementary Schools for a week. Drs. Joseph Spears and Lynne Long coordinated the project and three BSU students participated: Ian Del La Cruz (Elementary Major), Tyren Harriston (Sports Management Major) and Nya Stenbar (Fine Arts Major).

Outcomes for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students” (co-authored with Consuela Robinson). In addition to publishing these two chapters, Ms. Garraway also presented, with Dr. Julius Davis, at the 2017 BSU Grants and Research Expo. Her research interests include issues related to the discipline of culturally and linguistically diverse (CLD) youth in school settings; early childhood social-emotional development and mental health; the transition experiences of CLD kindergarten students with behavioral challenges; and the impact of culturally responsive leadership practices on family engagement. Ms. Garraway has over 25 years of diverse work experience in clinical social work, special education and school based administration.

DEAN’S STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD. My name is Aaron Moon and I am a senior at BSU pursuing a degree in elementary education. I am also the president of the Dean’s Student Advisory Board which works hand-in-hand with the Dean. This is a great group to be a part of as it builds leadership skills and provides an opportunity to work with the staff and students in each department. The Board is comprised of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian and Event Coordinator. Each position has been filled for this year. The Board plans events for students that correlates to education and community outreach. We attend orientation events and anything else that deals with education in order to become more involved. We carry ourselves with respect and are driven to make a difference, not only in our schools, but in the COE. I want to continue creating a legacy for future education students for years to come.

STELLAR STAFFERS ★

Did you know that we have “stellar staffers” in our midst? More than a smiling face behind a desk, they bring a wealth of information, resources and creativity to the COE. They continue to pursue higher education and are on a fast track to greatness. We commend our Stellar Staffers!

Kelly R. Alexander - University of Baltimore - Masters in Nonprofit Management & Social Entrepreneurship: General Management

Michele Irby - Liberty University Online Masters of Arts in Human Services Counseling: Crisis Response & Trauma (2nd Masters) (Graduation Spring 2018)

Dawn Johnson-Tate - Walden University - Doctor of Business Administration (DBA), Self-Designed Specialization (Graduation: December 2017/January 2018)

Christina Moody - Walden University - Masters in Communication

LaToya Walters – University of Maryland Eastern Shore – Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership

SPECIAL EVENTS★

“BACK TO SCHOOL SOIRÉE” The COE welcomed new and returning students during its event held September 6, 2017. LaToya Walters (COE Retention Coordinator “Extraordinaire”), organized this event which
included giving free school supplies, program study sheets, colorful raffle tickets, a special “Human” bingo game and gifts for the winners. Every gift was a great resource tool for educators. The event she envisioned and executed became a magnificent reality thanks to the combined participation of faculty and staff. It was gratifying to see our students excitedly engaged; the Department Chairs’ presentations; the Coordinators’ information handouts on their programs, recruitment for student groups and the students’ reflections. The excitement witnessed during the Human Bingo game was phenomenal. This was a great start to our school year!

Little Rock Central High School 60th Anniversary of the Integration Crisis (1957-2017)

The City of Little Rock hosted four days (September 21-25, 2017) of outstanding events to commemorate this anniversary and to honor the Little Rock Nine. The Education Symposium, held at the Clinton Presidential Library, was one of the major events. COE’s Director of Special Initiatives, Treopia G. Washington (sister of Ernest Green, one of the Little Rock Nine) served as a panelist and presented the “Daisy Bates Curriculum Project”, created by BSU COE faculty. This curriculum will become available online for use by 4th through 8th grade teachers throughout the country.

Student Leadership Conference. Dr. Rhonda Jeter, Dean of the COE, partnered with Professor Robert Johnson and Executive Director, My Brother’s Keeper Prince George’s County Network, http://www.mybrotherskeeperpgcounty.com to sponsor a Student Leadership Conference, November 11, 2017, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm in the Student Center Ballrooms (A-C) and the First Floor of the Center for Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Nursing Building. Professor Johnson is a BSU alumnus, adjunct faculty member and is currently enrolled in our doctoral program. His organization’s purpose is linking students and non-students to programs and service providers to assist them as they work towards the completion of high school, post-secondary education or training. They also connect students ages 16-25 to high quality accessible and affordable educational training opportunities. Approximately 300 students from 15 high schools located in DC, PG and Baltimore Counties are expected to attend this live-broadcasted event. Also included will be 6 break-out sessions, DJ Larry Delmar and 10 vendors. Boys/young men who attend the “Becoming A Man of Influence” Empowerment Session, will have the opportunity to meet BSU Sports Hall of Fame Member, Mr. Louis Mayo. The conference “Keynote Speaker” will be Quamiir Trice, “A Philly Redemption Story”. President Breaux is slated to deliver the welcome address.
“W” WARDROBE ROOM. November 29, 2017, the COE will host the 5th Annual “W” Wardrobe Room. The faculty and staff work meticulously collecting clothing and other items so that COE students are able to freely “dress for success”. A boutique is created in the Dean’s conference room, featuring professional clothing, shoes, and accessories for male and female students preparing for a first interview. The end result is an outstanding display space that resembles a high-end retail store, complete with beautiful bags and a “dressing room”.

If you are new to us, welcome. If you are returning, welcome back. I am happy to have been selected as your Dean of the College of Education. I challenge you to study hard and secure success this year. Use this semester to not only do well, but to also find a good balance between your academic and social life. Whether you are pursuing a bachelor’s, a master’s or a doctoral degree in the College of Education, please know, your life will be changed for the better. Remember, "Education is the key to opening the golden door of freedom." George Washington Carver