Greetings, Colleagues,

On behalf of the Graduate Student Association (GSA), I welcome you to Maryland’s oldest Historically Black University, and one of the ten oldest in the nation. We are truly mindful and proud of this legacy. The Graduate Student Association is thrilled you have chosen Bowie State University in your pursuit of further educational attainment. We are hopeful you will be an active, participating student in BSU’s many campus activities.

Your choice of deciding to attend BSU’S graduate school is the beginning of a new chapter in your life. We celebrate BSU’s 150-year legacy of being a leading institution and at the forefront of promoting excellence, civility, integrity, responsibility, and equality. We also celebrate the BSU community for embracing and promoting the ideas of diversity. Know that BSU continues to produce the highest caliber scholars, educators, and professionals throughout the various graduate degree programs.

GSA represents the graduate student body and therefore all graduate students are members of GSA. However, I want to strongly encourage you to be an “active” member. GSA is here to enhance your quality of life and well being. We do this by providing students an avenue to participate in professional, recreational and leisure experiences. We see this as providing a vital service to you. These are satisfying, positive opportunities, and contribute to you building long-term interpersonal and professional relationships.

We also sponsor graduate students who request financial assistance for conferences, workshops, and other academic and professional opportunities. Since funding is limited, active GSA members get first priority with these requests. This is just one of the many benefits to being an “active” member of GSA. **Being an active member requires that you attend 2 meetings per semester.** I, along with the Graduate Student Association, am very excited about this new school year. We know you will find your GSA to be engaging, helpful and exhilarating. GSA will be a positive addition to your life.

We live in a great country and attend a wonderful institution. I truly hope you will join us, in being an active member of the Graduate Student Association and, in making Bowie State University the very best it can be while receiving all that it has to offer.

Again, welcome to BSU’s Graduate School and I look forward to your “active” participation in the Graduate Student Association.”

Cordially,

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