

Hello/Hola/Salut from the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies!

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**1) ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



**Shannon Ferguson** (English MA 2021) has started a new position as Coordinator of Faculty Affairs Administrator at Rutgers University Medical School. Her duties include ensuring faculty compliance with academic policies and procedures, coordinating the hiring process, maintaining faculty personnel files, preparing correspondence on behalf of the Dean and Vice Dean, and coordinating the faculty evaluation process. Shannon’s job also included traveling to affiliate institutions as needed to assure and evaluate faculty issues.

**2) JAPANESE CULTURE APPRECIATION DAY – TUESDAY**



Japanese Culture Appreciation Day  
April 26 - Beacon Room

9:45 Screening of Hayao Miyazaki’s *My Neighbor Totoro*  
11:30 Embassy of Japan Presentation  
12:15 Japanese Lunch  
1:00 Origami for Beginners Workshop  
2:00 Japanese Manga and American Graphic Novels Exhibit  
2:30 Haiku Workshop  
3:30 Anime, Manga, Cosplay and Black Culture Panel

ありがとうございます

Join BSU as it celebrates Japanese Culture with the support of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission (JUSFC) and the Embassy of Japan.

9:45-11:30 Screening of Hayao Miyazaki’s *My Neighbor Totoro* led by Professor Bob Bartlett’s “History of Animation” class

11:30-12:15 Embassy of Japan presentation featuring Japanese diplomat Taichi Kaneshiro

12:15-1:00 Japanese lunch

1:00-2:00 "Origami for Beginners" workshop led by Michiko Okuma and Naoko Kamioka

2:00-2:30 Viewing of library exhibit on graphic novels and Japanese culture curated Fusako Ito

2:30-3:30 Haiku Workshop led by Professor Hoke Glover

3:30-4:45 Panel on anime/manga/cosplay and Black culture featuring BlerDCon CEO George Hilton and cosplayers Afrocoapuffs, and Zen the Dweeb. Moderated by Dr. Sheneese Thompson.

### 3) WRITING CENTER WORKSHOPS



A flyer for the BSU Mobile Writing Center. The text is in yellow and white on a black background. It features yellow arrow graphics pointing towards the text. The text includes: "BSU Mobile Writing Center Wednesdays", "April 6th - April 13th - April 20th - April 27th", "11:00 am to 2:00 pm", "Come by the BSU Student Center to meet our WC staff & consultants, get answers to your quick questions, register for an account, and/or book your next session for any writing project!", "Student Center Lobby", and contact information: "301-860-3720 · WritingCenter@BowieState.edu · MLK 204".

April 27th; 11am-2pm; Student Center Lobby

The BSU Writing Center has a table in the Student Center lobby where students can meet our staff and consultants, get answers to their quick questions, register for their WC account, and/or book sessions to work on any writing projects. WC brochures, bookmarks, and other materials will be distributed.

### 4) JOB OPPORTUNITY: TRIO PROGRAM TUTORS



A flyer titled "TUTORS WANTED!" for the TriO program. It features a blue and white color scheme. The text includes: "WHY YOU SHOULD TUTOR WITH TRiO UPWARD BOUND", a list of five benefits (small class size, digital curriculum, flexible work schedule, involved parents, and students), a "Job Description" section, and "Minimum Qualifications" such as being currently enrolled in college and having a minimum GPA of 2.5. It also includes a QR code and contact information for Prince Georges Community College: "Phone: (301) 546-3013 Email: upward\_bound@pgcc.edu".

Upward Bound is a federally funded TRiO program that serves high school students from as early as 9th grade and assists them through their transition to college. One of the program's main objectives is to stimulate students' interest in completing a bachelor's degree.

Prince George's Community College TRiO Upward Bound Program consists of two components: Summer and Academic sessions:

- During the current school year, (Saturday Scholars Academy), students receive academic instruction, tutoring, and counseling every other Saturday (in-person) to assist them in their academic growth. Other services like weekly online and in-person tutoring, are also available for students during this time.
- The 6-Week Summer Session (June 23 - Aug. 4) - provides students the opportunity to attend the classes during the week in the areas of mathematics, science, composition, reading, foreign languages, computer science and study skills.

Click here to learn more and apply: <https://pgcc.peopleadmin.com/postings/10345>

## 5) SIGMA TAU DELTA BOOK DONATION DRIVE

Sigma Tau Delta is holding a book drive to donate used or new books to the Baltimore Little Free Library Program. Donation books can be found in either the Thurgood Marshall Library or the Martin Luther King Jr. Communication Arts Center building on campus. The books must be readable and in good condition.

## 6) FALL 2022 COURSES

Please email your advisor so you can register for your Fall 2022 courses.

ENGL 210: Intro to English Grammar - T/R 12:30, Dr. Basena  
ENGL 210: Intro to English Grammar - T/R 2:00, Dr. Basena  
ENGL 211: Literatures of the World - T/R 12:30, Dr. Bates \*Online\*  
ENGL 212: African American Literary Imagination - MWF 3:00  
ENGL 213: Cinema of Africa & African Diaspora - T/R 12:30, Dr. Thompson  
ENGL 236: Intro to Literature - MWF 10:00, Dr. Evelyn  
ENGL 239: Intro to Cultural Studies - MWF 2:00, Dr. Kaloustian  
ENGL 250: Intro to Film - T/R 2:00, Dr. Kaloustian  
ENGL 254: Queer Cultural Studies - T/R 11:00, Dr. Sierra \*Hybrid\*  
ENGL 256: Intro to Creative Writing - T/R 9:30, Prof. Glover  
ENGL 258: Creative Writing II: Poetry - T/R 11:00, Prof. Glover  
ENGL 301: British Literature I - MTWR 12:30, Dr. Sierra \*1st 8 Weeks, Hybrid\*  
ENGL 303: Special Topics in British Literature - MWF 12:00  
ENGL 316: American Literature I - T/R 2:00, Dr. Bates \*Online\*  
ENGL 324: African American Literature I - T/R 9:30, Dr. Thompson  
ENGL 326: Caribbean Literature - MWF 11:00, Dr. Evelyn  
ENGL 345: Intro to General Linguistics - T 5:00, Dr. Basena  
ENGL 357: Creative Writing III: Fiction - T/R 12:30, Prof. Williamson  
ENGL 360: Creative Writing: Non Fiction - T/R 2:00, Prof. Williamson  
ENGL 361: Teach & Report Writing - Various Times and Professors  
ENGL 380: Identity & Social Media - M 5:00  
ENGL 417: Contemporary American Literature - TBA  
ENGL 425: Seminar in African American Literature - T 5:00, Dr. Thompson  
ENGL 455: Advanced Creative Writing - T 5:00, Dr. Love



If you need a permission code to take a class in our department, use this link to make your request: <https://bowiestate.edu/academics/colleges/college-of-arts-and-sciences/departments/language-literature-and-cultural-studies/permission-code-request.php>. If you need a permission code to take a course in another area, you must contact that specific department to request a code from them. Please do not email the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies directly to request a permission course; it will only slow down the process.

## 7) DRIFTERS EMERGENCY STUDENT GRANT

The Drifters Emergency Student Grant is a \$10,000 grant awarded annually to degree-conferring institutions whose student enrollment is primarily comprised of students from underrepresented backgrounds. These grants have been given to numerous colleges and universities to help students to continue their studies. BSU was awarded the grant at The National Drifters, Inc. 63rd national Convention in August 2019. As a result, Juniors/Seniors in the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies experiencing an emergency need for tuition assistance, housing assistance, course materials, meal planning, or transportation assistance are eligible to apply. Please Contact Professor Lane ([alane@bowiestate.edu](mailto:alane@bowiestate.edu)) or Dr. Basena ([dbasena@bowiestate.edu](mailto:dbasena@bowiestate.edu)) for an application form.

## 8) SIGMA TAU DELTA



Sigma Tau Delta welcomes new members. This year's Induction Ceremony will be held May 3 at 6:00 pm in MLK 253. All are welcome to join!

### Membership Requirements:

- Candidates for undergraduate membership must have completed a minimum of two college courses in English language or literature beyond the usual requirements in freshman English. The candidate must have a minimum of a B or equivalent average in English and in general scholarship and must have completed at least three semesters or five quarters of college course work. Candidates for undergraduate membership need not be majoring or minoring in the discipline of English.

- Candidates for graduate membership who did not hold undergraduate membership must be enrolled in a graduate program in English or one of its specializations, have completed six semester hours of graduate work or the equivalent, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.

- Lifetime Membership Fee: \$80. \$40 goes to the Nu Nu chapter, which will bestow you with Honor Cords and a Medallion at your Induction Ceremony that you can wear during graduation. The other \$40 goes to Sigma Tau Delta's national office, which will supply you with your Sigma Tau Delta society pin and certificate. LLCS can help pay for your membership fees.

To learn more about Membership Benefits, please click here: <http://english.org/members/benefits.shtml>

If you are interested in becoming a member, please e-mail [hsierra@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hsierra@bowiestate.edu)