

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

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## 1) JAPAN-U.S. FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION \$10,000 GRANT



**Dr. Horacio Sierra's** "Exploring Intersections Between Black and Japanese Cultures Through Art and Media" cultural immersion program was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission (JUSFC). This marks the first time that the JUSFC awarded a grant to an HBCU. Past recipients have included Columbia University, Brown University, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

The grant will be used to promote a better understanding of the ways in which Black American culture influences Japanese popular culture and vice versa. A March 10 Zoom session on the JET Program and how to teach English in Japan featuring two Black alumni of the JET Program is the first installment of the program. With more details forthcoming soon, April 26 will be Japanese Culture Appreciation Day at BSU. The day will include anime screenings, a panel on Black cosplaying, a workshop on creating manga led by a Black author, and a presentation from the Embassy of Japan.

For a list of other recipients, click

here: [https://www.jusfc.gov/grant\\_program/grants/grants-approved-for-fy-2022/](https://www.jusfc.gov/grant_program/grants/grants-approved-for-fy-2022/)

## 2) SIMON & SCHUSTER BOOK PUBLISHING CAREER WORKSHOPS



## 5) HOWARD UNIVERSITY PRE-PHD PROGRAM - MARCH 18 DEADLINE



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## 6) 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.

## 7) SIGMA TAU DELTA



Sigma Tau Delta welcomes new members. This year's Induction Ceremony will be held the first week of May.

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.

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)

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