

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

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1) ALUMNI UPDATE



Nanel Denton, who graduated with a BA in English in 2018, retired this past December from BSU after working for many years in the Office of the Registrar. Nanel is a native of Pasadena, Maryland and attended Chesapeake Senior High School. She gives special thanks to her “homies” in LLCS and in the Fine Arts Department for helping her along the way. We congratulate Nanel on her well-deserved retirement!

2) DFPA SUBMISSIONS AND AUDITIONS

BSU THEATRE AUDITIONS!



Video auditions
submissions from Feb 2 - 8

Callbacks for *Dreamgirls* on Mon Feb 14th
at 6pm

10 Minute Play Festival will cast from video
submissions



**Scan QR for audition
and show information**

<https://forms.gle/pnuktnfD2DU5tbIRA>

The Department of Fine and Performing Arts welcomes submissions and auditions for the upcoming 10-Minute Play Festival and BSU's production of *Dreamgirls*. Email Professor Velasco at evelasco@bowiestate.edu with any questions.

3) CAREER CONVERSATIONS GUEST SPEAKER - TUESDAY

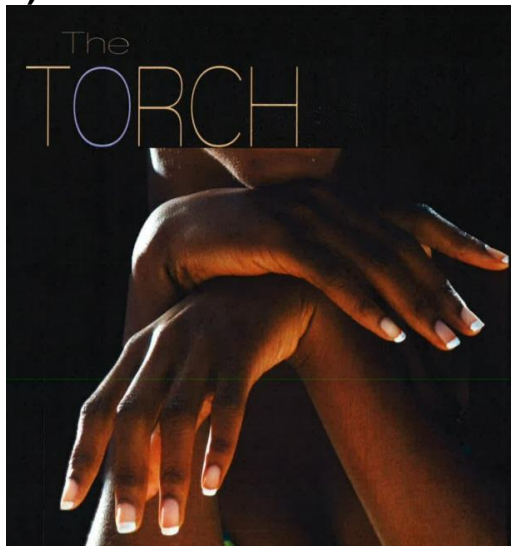


As part of the ENGL 438: Senior Seminar "Career Conversations" series, Rebecca Sheehan, an Associate Media Director for the Mintz + Hoke Advertising Agency will talk with students about how they can leverage the critical reading, writing, and thinking skills they acquire as English majors in

the field of Marketing. She will also talk about a paid virtual internship opportunity that students can apply to. All LLCS majors are welcome to join the conversation this Tuesday, February 8, at 5:30 pm: <https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/4090540458>

With more than sixteen years of experience in creating marketing, branding, and advertising plans for clients such as Mohegan Sun Casinos, DRS Defense Solutions, and Partner Therapeutics, Rebecca manages the Paid Media Department and supervises various accounts at Mintz+Hoke. She majored in Communications and minored in English at Western Carolina University.

4) TORCH PUBLICATION



The Torch, BSU's creative writing journal, just published its most recent issue. You can access it here: <https://bowiestate.edu/academics/colleges/college-of-arts-and-sciences/departments/language-literature-and-cultural-studies/the-torch.php>

The Torch is the official literary magazine of the University. Published by the Creative Writing Program in the Department of Language, Literature & Cultural Studies, *The Torch* is designed to encourage creative expression and scholarly articles by students, staff, and faculty.

Current students and alumni are encouraged to submit literary and scholarly works as well as artwork. Submissions may be in languages other

than English. The journal is edited by students with the guidance of a faculty advisor. Faculty and staff may also submit to the journal.

5) ARENA STAGE FELLOWSHIP



The Allen Lee Hughes BIPOC Fellowship Program offers personalized training and in-depth, hands-on experience with top-tier professionals in artistic and technical production, arts administration, arts education and community outreach. Additionally, all fellows receive: Personalized training and in-depth, hands-on experience with top-tier professionals in artistic and technical production, arts administration, arts education, and community outreach. The fellowship dates are September 6, 2022, to May 2023

- \$600 weekly stipend
- Comprehensive mentorship and career readiness opportunities
- Eligible for 10 paid holidays and 2 weeks paid leave
- Average 40-hour work week, with comp time for additional hours

Click here to learn more about the program before the February 11 deadline: <https://www.arenastage.org/fellowship>

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. **Bowie State University** 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) or Dr. Basena (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 GPA 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

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