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ABOUT OSA...

One Step Away was launched in 2013 under the directorship of Dr. Becky Verzinski, Assistant Vice President for Assessment. The idea stemmed from the state initiative to have over 55% of Maryland residents ages 25-64 earning at least an associate's degree by 2025. OSA is designed to assist near-completers with re-enrollment and graduation. Since the program's inception in 2013, the number of BSU graduates has increased by one percent!

WHAT OSA DOES...

- Identifies students who qualify for program and conducts outreach efforts
- Assists students with re-enrolling at BSU and problem solving administrative issues
- Requires a POA (Plan of Action) for each student to ensure that he or she meets the necessary degree requirements and makes progress toward degree completion
- Connects students with professors, administrators, counselors, tutors, and other personnel for academic and personal assistance
- Works with Admissions, Financial Aid, Housing, Retention Coordinators, Career Development Center and other departments to provide resources to assist students
- Identify various types of financial resources

Who qualifies to participate in OSA?

A STUDENT MUST:

- Have earned 90 or more credits
- Have been out of school for at least two consecutive semesters
- Not be enrolled at another university or completed a degree from any other institution during their time away from Bowie State
- Have at least a 2.5 GPA

If you met the criteria and would like to know more, contact Becky Verzinski at 301-860-3501 or bverzinski@bowiestate.edu

OSA CAN OFFER STUDENTS:

- Various levels of tuition assistance
- Textbook vouchers
- School supplies for each student
- Tutoring services as needed
- Access to laptop computers
- Assistance with graduation applications and fees as well as cap and gown costs
- Graduation recognition and honor cords for each student



Where are we?

The One Step Away team is located on campus in the Martin Luther King Jr. Building on the second floor. We are available during normal business hours to assist with the re-enrollment process, course scheduling and academic & financial advising.

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