

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

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1) STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



On Monday, February 2, English BA Major **Kevin Lopez-Cruz** began his role as a Literary Initiatives Intern at the Library of Congress. In this capacity, he will support the planning and execution of major literary programs, including the National Book Festival, literary event series, and ambassador initiatives such as the U.S. Poet Laureate and the National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature.

2) ALPHA CHI CEREMONY



The 2024-2025 annual induction ceremony of the Maryland Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Chi Honor Society at Bowie State University, which inducted over 120 new members, was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. The theme of this year's induction ceremony was "Celebrating Service, Empowering the Future."

Founded in 1922, the Alpha Chi Honor Society is a nationally, multidisciplinary organization that recognizes the top 10% of college and university upper-level (junior, seniors, and graduate students) student body. Alpha Chi continuously fosters academic achievement as members are invited to engage in scholarly discourse through such outlets such as sponsored lecturers and forums, debates, workshops, publication outlets, and the annual national convention. In addition to cultivating reverent scholars, Alpha Chi also fosters service initiatives as the organization have known to partner with various non-profit organizations such as the World Literacy Foundation, the Boys and Girls, Club, of America, the American Cancer Society, the Anti-Cruelty Society, and the World WildLife Fund to name a few.

If you would like more information about Alpha Chi, you can contact its faculty sponsor, Professor Angela Burrus.

3) *THE TORCH* LAUNCH PARTY: FRIDAY



Please join us this Friday at 1:00 pm in MLK 3402 to celebrate the Fall 2024 issue of BSU's creative writing journal, *The Torch*, which was released at the end of the fall semester.

4) ENGLISH MAJORS LUNCH: MARCH 5



5) FREE HEADSHOTS PHOTOSHOOT: MARCH 22



Need a fresh look for your job search or professional profiles? DC's Southwest Library will host a free professional headshot photoshoot on Saturday, March 22, from 1-3 PM. Sessions are first come, first served. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3WRll1S>

6) BALTIMORE PRATT LIBRARY POETRY CONTEST



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Poetry Contest

Maryland poets, this FREE contest is for YOU!

CONTEST RULES

- Entrants must be Maryland residents, 18 or older.
- Paid or volunteer staff of the Enoch Pratt Free Library and *Little Patuxent Review* and their immediate families are not eligible, nor are previous Pratt Library Poetry Contest first-place winners.
- Please send only one original poem, on any theme and in any form, for consideration.
- Your entry must be unpublished, either in print or online, including personal blogs, Facebook, and X (formerly Twitter). It cannot be currently under review for possible publication.
- Your entry must not exceed 100 lines.
- Submit your typed entry as a Microsoft Word attachment by email to contest@prattlibrary.org or by mail to:
Poetry Contest, Fiction & Humanities Dept.
Pratt Library, 400 Cathedral St.
Baltimore, MD 21201-4484
- All entries must be received by **Saturday, March 1, 2025.**
- Please submit your name, address, phone number, and a brief biography on a separate page. Please do not put your name, address, phone number, or biography on the entry itself. Our judges will see only the poem.
- Confirmation of receipt and comments on your entry will not be provided, nor will your entry be returned to you.

These rules are also available on the contest page, where an announcement of the winner will be posted in mid-April:

prattlibrary.org/poetry-contest

The **winning poem** will be published in *Little Patuxent Review* and celebrated at a public reading hosted by the Pratt Library and *Little Patuxent Review*. It may also be displayed at the Central Library or turned into a collectible broadside.

Questions? Email contest@prattlibrary.org or call 410-396-5484.

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7) RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY: PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

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Research, Equity, Archives, Curation & History Program (REACH)

For HBCU students

June 1- June 14, 2025

Two Weeks at Princeton University

June 1-7 Archival Focus

Dive into history, learn through hands-on workshops, explore an archival career

June 8-14 Museum Focus

Engage with objects, visit artists' studios, delve into the museum realm

Included:

Trip to NYC, stipend, lodging, transportation, and meals

APPLY BEFORE JANUARY 21, 2025

Scan below for application



8) SIGMA TAU DELTA

Sigma Tau Delta welcomes new members.

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.**

Email Dr. Kim Evelyn for more information: kevelyn@bowiestate.edu

To learn more about Membership Benefits, please click here:

<http://english.org/members/benefits.shtml>