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

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### 1) ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

One of the Writing Center's former tutors, **Christine Ramroop**, was quoted extensively in this nationally syndicated article from the Associated Press about the importance of HBCUs in strengthening the pipeline of Black K-12

teachers: <a href="https://apnews.com/article/hbcu-training-black-teachers-2372cb4f8186dbf05b57e30bf1567e80">https://apnews.com/article/hbcu-training-black-teachers-2372cb4f8186dbf05b57e30bf1567e80</a>

### 2) FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Professor C. Jenise Williamson's** short story "First Light" is forthcoming in *Gargoyle Online*, Vol. 5, May 2023.

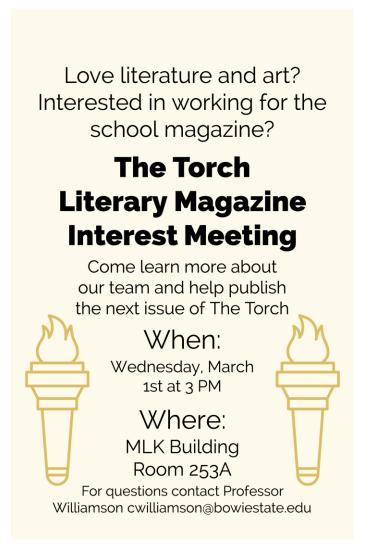
### 3) TEACH ENGLISH IN JAPAN INFO SESSION: TUESDAY



Come learn about the JET Program, which provides recent graduates with a paid opportunity to teach English in Japan. We will speak with a representative from the Embassy of Japan and two alumni of the JET Program. Zoom

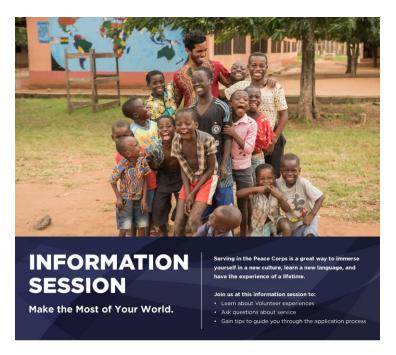
link: https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/99105260711

4) THE TORCH INTEREST MEETING: WEDNESDAY



The Torch is BSU's literary magazine, and its next issue will be published by October 2023. Come to The Torch interest meeting February 22 at 3 p.m. MLK 251 to help bring it all together. Contact Professor Williamson cwilliamson@bowiestate.edu for more information.

5) PEACE CORPS INFO SESSION: THURSDAY



Thursday, March 2nd, 2023 11:00-11:30 a.m.

> JEP 110 Bowie State University Bowie, MD 20715



For more information, contact Nyassa Kollie at nkollie@

If you require reasonable accommodations when attending a Peace Corps event, please email Nyassa Kollie at hkollie@peacecorps.gov and provide details of the reasonable accommodation(s) you are requesting.

The U.S. Peace Corps sends hundreds of volunteers around the world each year to promote peace and democratic values. Founded by an Executive Order issued by President Kennedy, Peace Corps has made the world a better place through the work of hundreds of thousands of volunteers over the years. Volunteers are provided with a stipend and assigned a project to work on in their community after extensive training. Peace Corps Volunteers receive preferential treatment when applying for federal jobs.

## 6) ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK



7) 10th ANNUAL READ-A-THON



**Dr. Horacio Sierra** hosted the 10th Annual Read-A-Thon last week. We thank all those who participated as well as the Department of History & Government and their Black History Month sponsorship. Featured in photo (L to R): **Roy Jones, Lanai Lewis, Dr. Velma Latson,** and **Joseph Vivens**.

# 8) HOWARD UNIVERSITY PRE-PHD PROGRAM



Howard University's Pre-PhD Summer Enrichment Program (PPSEP) is designed to stimulate interest among African American and minority undergraduate students, in careers available to PhD holders in the humanities and social sciences. Through substantive course work, experiential learning activities, and professional development trainings, we develop and enhance the academic and professional skills necessary for success in graduate study of the humanities or social sciences. This year, we will host up to 16 talented students from HBCUs across the nation on the main campus of Howard University from Friday, May 19, 2023 through Saturday, June 17, 2023. By the end of the four-week intensive program, PPSEP participants will produce the components of a competitive application to graduate school.

Although our target audiences are 2023 graduates and rising seniors, we will also entertain applications from exceptional rising juniors. Students must have interest in the

following fields of study: English, History, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology. Students must be available to live on the campus of Howard University for the entire duration of the program. Howard University will cover costs of students' coursework, housing, transportation in Washington, D.C., and food. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from Washington, DC. However, limited funds may be available to assist students with extenuating circumstances. Upon successful completion of PPSEP, each student may receive a stipend of up to \$2,400.

We will admit students on a rolling basis until the cohort is filled, but we will start reviewing applications on Friday, March 10, 2023,

here: <a href="https://forms.gle/2EwgHp69H1EZFHL59">https://forms.gle/2EwgHp69H1EZFHL59</a>. For more detailed information, please see the attached call for undergraduate students, flyer, and tri-f old. For further questions, you may also email me—Dr. Keneshia Grant, the program director—at Keneshia.Grant@Howard.edu or program staff at PPSEP@Howard.edu.

### 9) PRATT LIBRARY POETRY CONTEST



### 10) 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.

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

If you are interested in becoming a member, please e-mail hsierra@bowiestate.edu