

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

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1) STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



English Major **Kevin Lopez-Cruz** served as a panelist at the second inaugural Latino Education Summit on March 22, 2025, at Prince George’s Community College. The panel, "Overcoming Barriers: Lessons from the Success Stories of Latino College and Career Graduates," featured Latino students and professionals who shared their personal experiences navigating challenges in public education.

2) JAPANESE DRUM PERFORMANCE: MARCH 31

JAPANESE CULTURE CLUB (BLERDS FROM NIHON) PRESENTS

TAIKO DRUM PERFORMANCE

Come see award-winning Taiko drummer Takumi Kato perform with his 3 sons in their group, Peaceful Forest! Enjoy the art of traditional Japanese drumming!

Monday, March 31st
1:00PM-1:30PM
MLK (CAH) 3rd Floor
Library

3) CREATIVE WRITING OPPORTUNITY: THE TORCH

BSU'S LITERARY MAGAZINE: THE TORCH

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND CULTURAL STUDIES

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

WE'RE LOOKING FOR ORIGINAL AND UNPUBLISHED WORK (NO AI PLEASE)

- FLASH FICTION
- NON-FICTION
- SCREENPLAYS
- POETRY
- SHORT STORIES
- VISUAL ART
- PHOTOGRAPHY

Deadline: March 31st, 2025

Email: Sbjohnson@bowiestate.edu

All submissions will be reviewed for various literary prizes

Guidelines

SUBMIT UP TO FIVE POEMS, PHOTOGRAPHS, OR VISUAL ART PIECES

SUBMIT BETWEEN 500-1000 WORDS FOR FLASH FICTION, 1000-5000 WORDS FOR SHORT STORIES, AND TEN PAGES FOR SCREENPLAYS.

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE YOUR NAME, TITLE OF WORK, EMAIL, UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION, AND A BRIEF BIO.

MULTIPLE SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN SEPARATE EMAILS.

PLEASE NO SIMULTANEOUS SUBMISSIONS

4) WRITING CENTER WORKSHOPS ON APA FORMATTING AND STYLE: APRIL 9 & 10

APA FORMATTING AND STYLE

Complete your **writing journey** with a presentation on APA (30 minutes) followed by a hands-on activity (20 minutes). Bring a device if possible.

Learn how to...

- Format your APA paper
- Create in-text and full citations
- Find strategies and free tools to help you document your sources

Where: Third Floor MLK, Room 3402
When: Wednesday, April 9 @ 2:00
and again Thursday, April 10 @ 2:00

301.860.3720
writingcenter@bowiestate.edu
IG: @bsuwc

WRITING CENTER

5) PAID FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY: REDUCETARIAN



THE
REDUCETARIAN
FELLOWSHIP

Want to create a more sustainable, healthy and compassionate world?

Apply now for the Reducetarian Fellowship!



HELP THE
PLANET



IMPROVE
HEALTH



SAVE
ANIMALS

The Reducetarian Fellowship is designed to foster a more diverse, sustainable, and impactful movement by empowering bright, passionate, and ambitious young advocates and innovators to transform our food system.

- One-year program for undergrad and master's students
- Individualized mentorship and guidance
- \$5,750 stipend per fellow (conditions apply)
- Introductions to impactful partner organizations in our network
- Seminars and workshops with experts and leaders
- Lifetime access to a growing alumni network

Join the movement to transform the food system!

Apply now: reducetarian.org/fellowship
Applications close March 31, 2025



The [Reducetarian Fellowship](http://reducetarian.org/fellowship) is a unique opportunity for students to begin building the knowledge, skills, and experience needed to make a tangible impact on our food system. This exciting program is designed to foster a more diverse, sustainable, and impactful movement to reform the food system by empowering bright, passionate, and ambitious young advocates and innovators who are eager to create a more sustainable, healthy, and compassionate world. Features include: 30+ in-person seminars and workshops, one-on-one mentorship from Fellowship staff, introductions to impactful [organizations in our network](#), and a \$5,750 stipend (contingent upon internship placement at a partner organization). [Applications close on March 31st!](#)

6) BALTIMORE PRATT LIBRARY POETRY CONTEST



ENOUGH PRATT free LIBRARY your journey starts here

POETRY CONTEST

Maryland poets, this FREE contest is for YOU!

CONTEST RULES

- Entries must be Maryland residents, 18 or older.
- Post in advance (not at the back of the line) - 1 hour and 15 min. before doors at the Pratt Library Poetry Contest. For more information, visit prattlibrary.org/poetrycontest.
- Please read and follow the rules, on-site theme and in any form, for consideration.
- You may read the competition, offer to read or perform, including poems, songs, and X-Banned Poetry. It cannot be carried under any other name or publication.
- Your entry must not exceed 100 lines.
- Submit your original work as Microsoft Word unless noted by email to contest@prattlibrary.org or by mail to: Poetry Contest, P.O. Box 100000, Baltimore, MD 21210-0000.
- All entries must be received by Saturday, March 3, 2024.

- Please submit your name, address, phone number, and e-mail (optional) 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 of comments on your entry will be provided, but your entry is returned to you.
- There will be other materials on the contest page, when an announcement of the winner will be posted in real time.

prattlibrary@prattlibrary.org

The winning poem will be published in *Pratt Library Poets and Poets* at a public reading hosted by the Pratt Library and the Baltimore Poetry Center. It will be featured in the *Pratt Library Poets and Poets* book and will be available in a collection of books.

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

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7) 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>

Peace,

[Horacio Sierra, PhD](#)

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President Biden Appointee to the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities