

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

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## 1) ALUMNI UPDATE



**Deja Butler** (English BA, 2019) currently works as a tutor for Novastar Prep, a tutoring company based in Alexandria, Virginia. She also works at the Truesdell Education Campus in Washington, D.C., a school that prides itself on altering the notion of what public schools are and what kids of color can become. Here, she works in the classroom with elementary school students as both a tutor and mentor.

Deja recently completed a Paralegal Certificate course at Boston University. Through this class she was able to get an introductory experience to many valuable legal skills such as how to write case briefs and use legal databases. She continues to garner experience in the areas of child advocacy and immigration through her work as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer and her legal internship with CARECEN (Central American Resource Center). As a CASA volunteer, she goes to court and speaks on behalf of abused and/or neglected children. In court, she makes recommendations based on her interviews with involved parties, ensuring the needs and wants of the child she is representing are met. She uses these same skills as she interns at CARECEN where she helps individuals with the immigration process.

## 2) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE CAREER OPPORTUNITY SESSION

The UMBC Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Program Presents

**English Language Careers at the U.S. State Department**

*Kate Bain*  
U.S. Department of State

Have you thought about a career in public diplomacy? Find out about English language positions at the U.S. Department of State such as serving as a Regional English Language Officer (RELO) abroad and other positions with the Office of English Language Programs (OELP) in the US and internationally. Hear directly from a global program officer about her journey and pathways open to you.

**UMBC**

A virtual professional development session

Monday  
September 27  
4:30-5:30pm  
Eastern US Time

Free registration by e-mail to TESOL@umbc.edu

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Register to attend the session by sending an email to [TESOL@umbc.edu](mailto:TESOL@umbc.edu)

### 3) JOB OPPORTUNITY: SIMON & SCHUSTER PUBLISHING

## Associate's Program

The Simon & Schuster Associates Program is an 18-month entry-level rotational program and a cornerstone of our commitment to promoting Diversity within the publishing industry. Simon & Schuster Associates have the opportunity to work closely with either the Adult or Children's divisions which will offer unique opportunities for individual guidance and mentoring.

Once in the program, the Associate will have the opportunity to rotate through 3 six-month rotations in roles that could include editorial, marketing, digital marketing, publicity, sales or managing editorial. The rotations are selected based on the Associates interest.

The program is a full-time position with benefits included. Effort is made to network the Associates to secure a permanent position once the program comes to a close.

#### Requirements:

- ❖ At least one degree from a 4-year college or university.
  - Both undergraduate and graduate students can apply
- ❖ Previous work experience
- ❖ Strong interpersonal skills
- ❖ Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- ❖ A demonstrated love for books and storytelling

#### How to Apply:

- ❖ Please submit your application to <http://careers.viacomcbs.com/>  
All resumes and cover letters must be attached to the online application in order to be considered. Your cover letter should include areas of interest, departments, and divisions.
- ❖ There is rolling admission which provides new enrollment throughout the calendar year.



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### 4) MINORITY REPORT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM – SEPTEMBER 30 DEADLINE

**DIVERSO PRESENTS:**  
**MINORITY REPORT 2022**  
A SCREENWRITING FELLOWSHIP

**SUBMISSIONS OPEN:**  
AUGUST 6TH -  
SEPTEMBER 30TH

The Minority Report is an industry-vetted fellowship program for the top diverse screenwriters enrolled in undergraduate or graduate educational institutions (Class of 2021 Graduates are eligible). Made by students, for students, it's the first-ever initiative of its kind. The contest is sponsored by DIVERSO, a student-run film nonprofit dedicated to changing the face of entertainment by empowering the underrepresented storytellers of the next generation. At DIVERSO, we believe that long-term, systemic change in Hollywood starts at the student level: providing underrepresented student groups with exposure, resources, and connections in Hollywood that they may not otherwise have access to.

We offer an extensive professional platform to break into entertainment by connecting our Minority Report Fellows with top companies/executives/mentors and providing individualized guidance and stipend for career development.

Click here for more information: <https://writers.coverfly.com/competitions/view/the-minority-report>

## 5) HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CONTEST

### 9th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month



### Knowledge Contest



1. Founded by Spaniards, what is the oldest city in the United States?
2. Palenques, or legally recognized free towns for people who escaped slavery, were common in which South American country during the seventeenth century?
3. What are the five main ingredients of a Cuban sandwich?
4. Who was the first Latino inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame?
5. ¿Qué autora dominicana escribió *En el tiempo de las mariposas*?

Submit answers to [hsierra@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hsierra@bowiestate.edu) by October 15.

1st Place: \$50 gift card for the BSU Bookstore

2nd Place: \$25 gift card for the BSU Bookstore.



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United States of America

Costa Rica

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## 6) SIGMA TAU DELTA



Sigma Tau Delta is always looking to welcome 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 \$45 goes to Sigma Tau Delta's national office, which will supply you with your Sigma Tau Delta society pin and certificate. The fee must be paid in cash.

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](mailto:hsierra@bowiestate.edu)

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