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### 1) KEVA COLBERT PERFORMS IN WALDY STREET



**Keva Colbert**, a Creative Writing student in the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies, recently performed alongside VH1's *Love & Hip-Hop*'s Willie Taylor in Nalo Merriman's play *Waldy Street* at the Silver Spring Black Box Theatre. Keva played Ribbon, an outspoken young woman who realizes her ego is getting in the way of achieving her goals. Between long rehearsal days, Keva aided in costume design and participated in interviews promoting the show on local TV and radio.

Keva hopes to one day start an acting program that visits different schools and cities, teaching children the joys of theatre, writing, and producing their own creative works. Keva's biggest takeaway from being a performing artist and a fulltime student here at BSU is the importance of time management. Keva says there is a phrase used in the Performing Arts world that she will use to ensure she graduate this coming Spring: "To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, and to be late is to be fired."

### 2) POETRY SLAM: THURSDAY

**POETRY SLAM**

Sept 26th, 5pm-7pm  
Beacon Room

**CALLING ALL POETS!**  
Sign up to perform at the  
Wellness Center's  
30 Day Challenge  
"A BETTER U"  
Poetry Slam

hosted by Krystal Rose  
@iamkrystalrose

To sign up as a performer please  
stop by the Wellness Center  
email to [hwwc@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hwwc@bowiestate.edu),  
or Scan QR Code for sign-up form  
Deadline for sign-up: Sept 22nd.

**POETRY ONLY**

SCAN ME

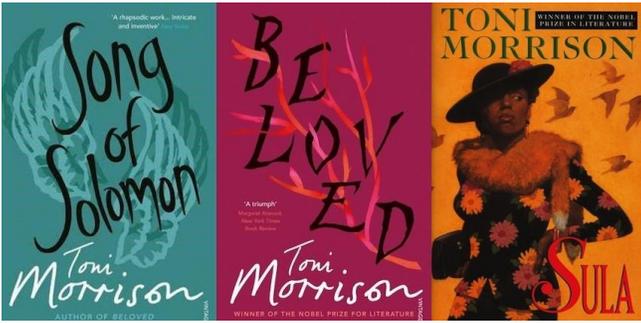
for more info contact [hwwc@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hwwc@bowiestate.edu)

### 3) BANNED BOOKS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 22-28



Banned Books Week is a week of events around the country to push back against censorship and celebrate the freedom to read.

This year, the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies is marking Banned Books Week with a celebration in honor of Toni Morrison, who passed this summer. Dr. Kim Evelyn is coordinating a display at the Thurgood Marshall Library to share information about Banned Books Week and Morrison's most frequently challenged and/or Banned Books: *The Bluest Eye* (repeatedly challenged/banned since 2006 for being sexually explicit and containing controversial issues), *Sula* (challenged in 2000 for promoting promiscuity), *Beloved* (banned for sexual content and violence but restored in Kentucky schools in 2007), and *Song of Solomon* (banned in Indiana in 2010 for sex, violence, and profanity). If you're in the library, check out the display to learn more.



Banned books are usually associated with the censorship of books in the K-12 school system. School boards, parents, religious or political groups, elected officials, and even teachers and students challenge books, calling for their removal from libraries and curricula for reasons like profanity, sexual content offensive language, and violence. Books are also banned by governments worldwide for being critical of social systems, ideologies, or governments.

Faculty and students are also invited to participate by having class discussions about issues related to the freedom to read. Discussion topics might include the history of laws banning literacy for slaves in the United States, the history of post-emancipation educational inequality, how books are challenged or banned in school systems or by governments around the world, banned/challenged books we have taught or read, the importance of reading and learning to read closely, and censorship and intellectual freedom.

Contact Dr. Kim Evelyn (kevelyn@bowiestate.edu) for details, display sheets, examples of banned books, and other materials.

#### 4) HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: KNOWLEDGE CONTEST

<http://www.bowiestate.edu/hispanicmonthquiz>

##### 7th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month



Knowledge Quiz



1. The term "Hispanic" stems from the Latin word for which region of the Ancient Roman Empire?
2. Singer Camila Cabello's (#1s "Havana" and "Señorita") has parents from which two countries?
3. Pupusas (thick flatbreads made of cornmeal and stuffed with cheese, beans, or chicharrón) originated among the Pipil tribes of which country?
4. The Underground Railroad first ran South to which Spanish colony that created America's first city of free blacks?
5. ¿Qué autor colombiano ganó el Premio Nobel de Literatura por obras como *100 años de soledad*?



Singer Camila Cabello



MLB Player Manny Machado

Submit answers at [www.bowiestate.edu/hispanicmonthquiz](http://www.bowiestate.edu/hispanicmonthquiz) by October 15.

- 1st Place: \$50 gift card for the BSU Bookstore
- 2nd Place: \$25 gift card for the BSU Bookstore.

## 5) HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: WRITING CONTESTS

**First Place for Writing Contests: \$100 Scholarship and \$50 BSU Bookstore Gift Card**  
**Second Place: \$25 BSU Bookstore Gift Card**



**Academic:** Write an academic essay that focuses on themes or issues related to Hispanic culture. Essays can be expository, argumentative, and/or research-oriented. Essays can come from any discipline (History, Literature, Psychology, Natural Sciences, Public Health, Business, Fine Arts, etc.). Entries in English and Español are welcome.

First Place: \$100 scholarship and \$50 BSU Bookstore gift card  
 Second Place: \$25 BSU Bookstore gift card

**Creative:** Write a poem, short story, script, graphic novel, or creative non-fiction piece that features themes, issues, or characters related to Hispanic culture. Entries in English and Español are welcome.

First Place: \$100 scholarship and \$50 BSU Bookstore gift card  
 Second Place: \$25 BSU Bookstore gift card

Email entries to Dr. Horacio Sierra at [hssierra@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hssierra@bowiestate.edu) by October 15.



## 6) PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: MARYLAND LEGISLATURE

### LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIPS

Each year during the session of the Maryland General Assembly, approximately one hundred students are given the opportunity to serve as legislative interns. Upon acceptance into the program, students interview for placement with legislators, committees, or caucuses of the Maryland General Assembly (MGA).

- Tracking bills
- Working on mailings
- Responding to constituents' inquiries and handling problems
- Writing newsletters

### ELIGIBILITY

Students presently enrolled in a public or independent college or university are eligible to apply. Students must be at least 18 years of age, have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade-point average, and show proof of competency in college composition. A student with a lower GPA may participate in the program if recommended by the sponsoring professor and accepted by the MGA Coordinator. Many of the interns are political science majors; however, students working for degrees in other areas, who are interested in learning firsthand about the process of state government, are encouraged to apply.

Academic credits must be granted to the interns by their colleges and universities. Additional academic work may be required by the sponsoring professors.

### WORK ASSIGNMENTS

The type of work assigned the interns is mainly legislative, although some duties are clerical in nature. Legislative responsibilities may include:

- Research
- Writing correspondence
- Preparing, recording, and reporting testimony
- Contacting witnesses
- Attending committee hearings

### STIPENDS

A stipend is awarded each intern to help defray the costs of participating in the program. The total session stipend varies, depending on the number of days per week the intern works in Annapolis. To be eligible for the program, a student must be able to work a minimum of two full days each week of session.

- \$850 per session = 2 days (15-18 hrs) per week
- \$1,250 per session = 3 days (19-26 hrs) per week
- \$1,650 per session = 4 days (27-31 hrs) per week
- \$2,000 per session = 5 days (32-40 hrs) per week

### SESSION

The General Assembly meets annually for a period of 90 calendar days, beginning the second Wednesday in January and continuing through early April. During the initial months, the busiest days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, with few or no committee hearings scheduled for Mondays or Fridays. Most legislators would like their interns to work the three days from Tuesday through Thursday or full-time. However, realizing the demands of college scheduling, the General Assembly accepts students who are able to work only two days per week.

Since the legislature does not take any holidays during its 90-day session, interns are required to commit themselves to a weekly work schedule and to take no holidays or spring break.

### HOW TO APPLY

Contact your college or university intern coordinator, career counselor, or department dean for an application. All placements are made during the fall semester, and applications should be received by the MGA Intern Office by October 31. If you do not know the contact person for your college/university, please call:

Carol Pelli  
 Intern Coordinator  
 Phone: 410-946-5124  
 Washington, DC Area: 301-970-5124  
 Toll Free: 800-492-7122 Ext. 5124  
 Email: [studentprograms@mlis.state.md.us](mailto:studentprograms@mlis.state.md.us)

Maryland General Assembly  
 Department of Legislative Services  
 90 State Circle, Room 311  
 Annapolis, MD 21401-1991



### Legislative Intern Program for College Students



## 7) PAID FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY: DEPARTMENT OF STATE



Frasure-Kruzel-Drew Memorial Fellowship  
at the  
**U.S. Department of State**



Want to pursue a career in **national security, foreign affairs, or humanitarian assistance**? Apply for the Frasure-Kruzel-Drew Memorial Fellowship to help manage Conventional Weapons Destruction programs in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs. College seniors, graduate students, and recent grads are eligible.



During this **two-year paid fellowship**, you will oversee conventional munitions threat reduction and humanitarian demining projects while collaborating with foreign governments, NGOs, international organizations, and other U.S. government agencies. Previous fellows have gone on to successful careers with the U.S. Department of State, UN, NGOs, and private sector.

The FKD Fellowship is administered by James Madison University's Center for International Stabilization and Recovery.

Apply by **November 7, 2019** at <https://www.jmu.edu/cisr/other/fellowship.html>

The two-year, paid Frasure-Kruzel-Drew Memorial Fellowship is available to seniors, graduate students, and recent graduates (within one year of graduation) from any four-year, accredited college or university in the United States. Fellows (from any major) will oversee conventional munitions threat reduction and humanitarian demining projects at the DOS in Washington, D.C. while collaborating with foreign governments, NGOs, international organizations, and other U.S. government agencies. Previous fellows have gone on to successful careers with the U.S. Department of State, UN, NGOs, and private sector. International travel to visit U.S.-funded development programs is likely.

Click here to learn more about the fellowship:

<http://www.jmu.edu/cisr/other/fellowship.shtml>. For questions or additional information, please email [cisr@jmu.edu](mailto:cisr@jmu.edu) or call 540-568-2718.

The application deadline is November 7 by 5pm, with the fellowship term set to begin July 2020.

## 8) SIGMA TAU DELTA



**SIGMA TAU DELTA**  
INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

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. \$35 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.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please email [hsierra@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hsierra@bowiestate.edu)

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