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

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Welcome to the 2020-2021 Academic Year!

1) ALUMNI UPDATE



Laura Neal (English BA, 2013) is a Lecturer at the University of Texas-Dallas, where she teaches creative writing. She is a Juanita Craft Artist in Residence in South Dallas, a historically Black neighborhood where she collaborates with citizens to produce art reflecting their experience in an area undergoing gentrification. Some of Neal's most recent poems have been published in *Green Mountains Review, Appalachian Review*, and forthcoming in *Roanoke Review*.

2) MINORITY REPORT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



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.

For more information please click here: https://writers.coverfly.com/competitions/view/the-minority-report

3) INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: THE BOWIE SUN

The Bowie Sun, a start-up news site covering the city of Bowie, Maryland, is looking for students interested in English, journalism or multimedia careers to join its team.

The following roles are available:

Supervising Student Editor: Edit student news stories, ideal for a peer writing coach, teaching assistant, or journalism major.

Student Journalists: For those who can only commit to writing one or two articles, feature stories are needed. If you are available during the day, follow up on press releases and other news. If you have evening availability, report on city council meetings twice a month at Bowie City Hall.

Multimedia Intern: Improve your multimedia portfolio by writing social media captions, designing graphics, or editing video.

Marketing/Advertising Intern: Write sales/marketing copy, assist with digital marketing strategy, develop reader surveys, or analyze reader interactions.

Compensation: College credits or stipend.

Schedule: Join the team for one semester or throughout the school year. One-time contributing writers are also welcome to apply.

Please send a resume or questions to Catherine Hollingsworth at thebowiesun@gmail.com.

4) 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 \$40 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