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## Celebrating Black History Month: BSU's Philanthropy Initiative as a Moral Imperative



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Bowie State University has a rich 160-year history of cultivating generations of leaders as an Historically Black College or University (HBCU). So, it is fitting that we celebrate the power of that tradition during Black History Month.

"As an assistant professor at BSU, and the founder of the [Bowie State University Philanthropy Initiative](#), I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of education in shaping leaders who are both mission-focused and community-driven," said Dr. James Hyman.

Creating unique, trusted pipelines for the next generation of nonprofit and philanthropic leaders is not simply a strategic priority; it is a moral imperative. Our communities deserve leaders who reflect their lived experiences, understand their histories, and are equipped to address systemic challenges, but who are also able to participate in the vast opportunities available to them. By intentionally investing in fellowships, mentorship, research, and partnerships, we prepare students not only to enter these fields but to innovate and lead within them.

If we are committed to sustainable social change, we must be equally committed to cultivating and sustaining pathways that empower talented young leaders to rise, serve, and transform the sector for generations to come.

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