

# BSUPI

The Bowie State University Philanthropy Initiative

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## Dr. James B. Hyman wins Board of Regents Award for Excellence in Public Service



The Board of Regents of the University of Maryland System selected BSU Assistant Professor, Dr. James B. Hyman, to be among 20 winners, state-wide, of its prestigious 2024 USM Faculty Award. Dr. Hyman received an award for Excellence in Public Service in recognition of his pioneering work in creating the BSU Philanthropy Initiative (BSUPI). As part of the Initiative, Dr. Hyman founded the BSU Philanthropy Fellowship Program which places BSU College of Business graduate students in 1-year, paid, full-time, C-suite placements in foundations and other nonprofit organizations. 82 percent of the students who completed the program secured positions in nonprofit organizations and 45 percent of them in foundations. To date he has raised more than \$3.5 million for the program. Testimonials sent to the Board of Regents, from his colleagues and students, attest to the excellence recognized by this award.

“Dr. Hyman is a significant contributor to the College of Business and Bowie State University because of his commitment to service, as well as teaching and research,” said Dr. Lawrence McNeil in his recommendation to the Board of Regents. “He has demonstrated exemplary leadership and vision in the field of philanthropy and nonprofit management. During my tenure as Dean of the College of Business at Bowie State University from 2020 - 2023, I’ve had the privilege of witnessing Dr. Hyman’s outstanding accomplishments in the creation and advancement of the Philanthropy Initiative, which will become a transformative force within our institution.”

Marketing Professor, Dr. Ella Carter adds, “In early 2021, when Dr. Hyman first shared his vision for the new program, his excitement and passion for the project was quite evident. Recruiting external partners for the Initiative was the first step toward the realization of his dream – to establish Bowie State University as a major platform for Black excellence in the study, practice, and exploration of philanthropy and its impacts on the nonprofit organizations that serve Black and brown communities.”

“Dr. Hyman’s mentorship has been instrumental in my success thus far. His vision of molding new leaders in the philanthropic sector is consistent with the spirit of the Board

of Regents Faculty Award for Community Service,” reports former Fellow, Anthony Haskins, now an Associate Partner of Operations, at the TIDES Foundation.

“In addition to being a superb professor, Dr. Hyman is a mentor who devotes his time and efforts to ensuring his students' success. He maintains an open-door policy and is always accessible to offer direction, encouragement, and priceless counsel. His advice on academic and professional issues has been sought frequently, and his ideas have greatly influenced both my academic and professional development,” says former Fellow, Stanley Fontaine who now serves as Special Assistant to the President of the Annie E. Casey Foundation.