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## Spotlight on a Senior:

Cheers to all our 2013 graduates!

Audrey Marie Lugmayer, a Bowie State University senior and Honors Program student graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade point average (GPA) Spring Commencement, Friday, May 17, 2013.



Lugmayer, a business administration major from Bowie, MD, took a year off after graduating high school to work full-time to pay for a college education, not wanting to

place any further financial burdens on her father who is in ill health and a single parent.

Despite working throughout college and taking a full-time course load, Lugmayer maintained a 4.0 GPA and made the Dean's List every year.

"I wouldn't be in school without the Bowie State Honors Program," said Lugmayer. "The accounting program is amazing here at Bowie State."

She served as president of the Bowie State University chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, an economics honors society, and has worked as an accounting policy intern at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) since May 2011. Upon graduation, her FDIC intern position will be converted to a full-time job.

Despite hardships, success is open and available to all who are willing to persevere.

## Newly Elected Executive Board for 2013-2014

### President

Nique Jelen Dayrit

### Vice-President

Kiara Howard

### Secretary

Hiram Webb

### Treasurer

Ambre McNeal

## The Honors Program

The Honors Program is an ancillary academic program to the University Undergraduate Program. The primary focus of the program is the development of intellectual ethical leadership skills while fostering excellence in education, commitment to the learning process, experimentation, and the sense of a learning community.

It is designed to augment the educational experience in the undergraduate academic experience through cultural exposure and community uplift projects.

The Honors Program is the program that best addresses the needs of students who possess a seriousness of academic purpose and a desire to be active rather than

passive learners. Also, the Honors program challenges those who have an intellectual curiosity that supersedes an obsession with grades. Honors students seek success rather than avoid failure; have courage to take intellectual risks and demonstrate superior, ethical leadership in their chosen careers.

# Greetings from the newly elected Honors Student Organization (HSO) Officers

**Nique Jelen Dayrit** — “I will be serving as the President, and I wish you welcome and blessings for this upcoming year. As an Elementary Education major I understand the value of academic success, especially as a member of the Honors Program. Work hard and success will follow!”

**Kiara Howard** — A Social Work major with a Sociology minor, she is constantly community service oriented. She works toward uplifting her surroundings at all times. We are excited to have her as our Vice-

President for the 2013-2014 academic year.

**Hiram Webb** — Also an officer for the Gay Straight Alliance, he is a very hard working and down to earth asset as the HSO Secretary for the 2013-14 academic year. His organizational skills will work toward keeping HSO on track and focused.

**Ambre McNeal** — “Greetings, I am a rising Junior and Biology major, hailing from the city of Albany, NY. I have the honor and privilege

of serving as Treasurer of the BSU Honors Program for the academic year of 2013-14.”

**We are very pleased about and excited for the numerous projects and events planned for the upcoming year. We hope for the support and cooperation of everyone involved!**

**Stay tuned for the upcoming calendar of events that will be posted.**

## Honda Campus All-Star Challenge HSO Representative Chynna Keys!



Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC) is a quiz bowl tournament administered by College bowl for historically Black colleges and universities. The sponsor is Honda Motor Company.

This year the Bowie State University HCASC team was excited to visit The Golden State—Los Angeles, California.

The 2012-2013 BSU

HCASC roster included Honors Program student Chynna Keys, a Computer Science major. Chynna Keys was recognized as one of the highest scoring competitors with 36 points averaged per round. She was also the only female to earn this award.

Congratulations Chynna Keys on your success as a HCASC team member!

## Expanding Our Community Through Service

**Multiple Sclerosis Walk 2013** - Waking up in the dark of the morning, just before day break Honors students understood it was going to be a very long Saturday morning.

The Honors students were the first volunteers to arrive at the Bowie Town Center. There were over 10 HSO students involved with the MS Walk. Bowie State University volunteers were divided into teams. One team began setting up tents, chairs and tables of information. Another team began preparing the registration tables for the incoming participants. The

third team had to mark the route with arrow markers along the quiet streets of Bowie during the peaceful dawn hours.

A sense of decisive teamwork took over, and the HSO began to move in rhythm. Wherever there was a need to be filled an Honors student could be found. From directing the flow of foot traffic to sidewalks and handing out food to runners to picking up trash, the HSO truly made an impact. (con't. p.4)



(Left) **Skye Horbrook** prepares tables for the MS activity booths in the early morning.

(Right) **Patricia Clayborne** and **Ryan Brock** assist participants in the registration process.



# A Year of Success!

Keep up the great work!

**Cassandra Clayborne** — Selected for the Capital One All-District Softball Team — as well as obtaining an internship at NIH for the 2013 Summer.

**Paola Uscanga** — Attended the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute conference in Chicago, Illinois — also obtained a 2013 Summer internship at NIH.

**Mariela Hernandez** — Attended the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute conference in Chicago, Illinois — earned a NIH internship for the 2013 Summer under the Cancer Research Institute.

**Diamond Brooks, Cory Olmstead and Katherine McCauley** — Inducted into Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology.

**Martin Deato, Lavonia Fickling, Symone Jordan, Auburn Mann, Katherine McCauley and Mya Petersen** — Inducted into Alpha Kappa Mu, an interdisciplinary Honor Society.

**Hayley Flint, Nique Dayrit and Chynna Keys** — Inducted into Golden Key International Honor Society.

**Nique Dayrit, Nikotris Manteen, Tia**

**Johnson and Keira Stewart,** — Inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society in Education.

**Kassandra Bishop** — Recognized as a Departmental Scholar of Fine and Performing Arts in the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Jennifer Erwin** — Crowned the Cherry Blossom Princess of Maryland for 2013.

**Lace Coleman** — Published article, "Language as Culture Taught in Schools," in *Bowie State University's Journal of Undergraduate Research and Writing Across the Curriculum*

## Mentoring to Manhood

A major community service project for the Honors Program is the Mentoring to Manhood (MTM) program.

Mentoring to Manhood seeks to nurture male youth through social influence, academic support, spiritual development, camaraderie, and scholarship. MTM hosts numerous workshops, activities, and retreats to strengthen the advancement of young minority males. MTM pro-

motes a trusting, caring, and sustained relationship between a young boy and a role model that opens a pathway to a bright and successful future.

Honors students donate their free weekends to assist in tutoring the MTM participants in various subjects. Science, math, his-

tory, and English are the core subjects that call for extra help. As educational leaders, academic tutelage comes as second nature to most Honors scholars. These students have donated upwards of 150 hours of tutoring.

The MTM project will undoubtedly continue to be an exciting community project for Honors students.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Honors Program Office.

## 2012-2013 Honors Graduates (con't p.4)

### Summa Cum Laude

#### Winter 2012:

Matthew Crisostomo, B.S. Business Administration

Patricia Long, B.S. English

#### Spring 2013:

Audrey Lugmayer, B.S. Business Administration

Kassandra Bishop, B.A. Fine Art

Ashley Exum, B.S. Elementary Education

Michael Brown, B.S. Computer Science

JaCara Rhodes, B.S. Elementary Education

Jasmine Nixon, B.S. Psychology

### Magna Cum Laude

Shannon Bland, B.A. Fine Art

Katherine McCauley, B.S. Psychology

Tia Johnson, B.S. Elementary Education

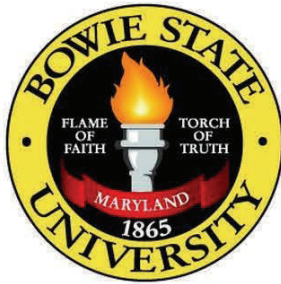
Auburn Mann, B.S. Communications

Megan Alexander B.S. Bioinformatics

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Fortune Favors the Bold*

## 2012-2013 Honors Graduates

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Lavonia Fickling B.S. Child and Adolescent Studies

**Cum Laude**

Patricia Hernandez B.S. Biology

**Honors Program Recognition**

Forrest Alexander Ingram-Johnson, B.S. Mathematics

Jennifer Erwin, B.S. Business Administration

Jeremy Magsipoc Penaranda, B.S. Nursing

*Interested in becoming a Peer Mentor for an Underclassman?*

*Contact an HSO Officer for more information*

## Care to be involved?

Contact us via email or phone call for more information about our numerous projects!

## Expanding Our Community Through Service

(Con't from p.2)



(Above) Our morning Bowie State crew posing for a group photo after the morning tasks were complete.

(Left to right back row) Jeffrey Fulton, Robert Bacote, Gregory Warren. (Middle row) Jasmine Adkins-Taylor, Briahna Mauge, Ryan Brock, Skye Horbrook. (Front Row) Nique Dayrit, Patricia Clayborne.



(Above) All work and no play makes everybody bored! The lady DJ and Nique Dayrit were having a blast!

(Below) Jasmine Adkins-Taylor and Briahna Mauge help set up the participant t-shirts in the early day light.



(Above) Patricia Clayborne and Ryan Brock assist with the registration tables to make sure all the participants are prepped for the walk.



(Left) Robert Bacote chats with Skye Horbrook as they prepare signs to mark the route for the walkers.