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## PRESIDENT, BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

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### **AMINTA H. BREAUX, Ph.D.**



**Aminta H. Breaux Ph.D.** has served as the visionary 10th president of Bowie State University since July 2017, bringing more than 35 years of diverse higher education leadership experience to the position. As president, she is committed to ensuring that every student at Bowie State University develops an entrepreneurial mindset to achieve success in the rapidly changing workplace and communities. Dr. Breaux initiated a university-wide focus to infuse entrepreneurship education across the disciplines which led to the opening of an Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community in fall 2021. She is dedicated to building on the legacy and rich history of Maryland's oldest historically Black university with a strategic focus on ensuring the long-term viability of the institution.

Dr. Breaux is a leading voice in 21st century education, and because of her extensive knowledge and expertise, she has been tapped to serve in multiple leadership roles. She was appointed to the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the Governor Moore's Service Year Advisory Board. She is past chair for the Board of

Directors for the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association and serves as the chair for the USM Council of University System Presidents.

She has also been recognized with the Educator of the Year Award from the National Council of Negro Women. She received the Trailblazer Award from the Bowie Business Innovation Center, the business accelerator located at Bowie State, in conjunction with Capital One, and the Capital City Chapter Links Inc. Leadership Award, the 2025 Visit Baltimore Charm City Champion Award, the 2026 Maryland Daily Record Circle of Excellence, recipient of the 2026 Maryland Daily Record's MD500 List, and the 2026 Torchbearer in Education Award from the Southern Maryland Chapter of the Links, Incorporated.

Throughout her career, Dr. Breaux has demonstrated a passion for ensuring student development and success. Prior to joining Bowie State, Dr. Breaux served as vice president for advancement for Millersville University, where she oversaw fundraising, alumni engagement, event management, and external relations. Before that, she was vice president for student affairs at Millersville University.

She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Temple University, a master's degree in psychological services in education from the University of Pennsylvania, and a doctorate in counseling psychology from Temple University. She is also a graduate of the Harvard Institute for Executive Management and the American Association for State Colleges and Universities Millennium Leadership Institute.

Dr. Breaux and her husband, Melvin — a former partner of Drinker Biddle & Reath — have three daughters and four grandchildren.

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

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### **DR. MICHAEL ERIC DYSON**

PROFESSOR, WRITER AND LECTURER



**Dr. Michael Eric Dyson** is a renowned scholar, author and activist and one of the nation's most influential voices on culture, race, religion and politics. At Vanderbilt University, he currently serves as a distinguished university professor of African American and diaspora studies in the College of Arts & Science, a distinguished university professor of ethics and society in the Divinity School, and NEH Centennial chair. Over the course of his career, he has taught at leading institutions including Brown University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Columbia University, DePaul University, the University of Pennsylvania and Georgetown University.

An award-winning author of more than 25 books, Dr. Dyson has written extensively on African American culture and leadership, with seven titles reaching The New York Times bestseller list. His honors include the 2020 Langston Hughes Medal, American Book Award, Southern Book Award and two NAACP Image Awards for nonfiction.

Dr. Dyson's work explores the intersections of history, faith, social justice and popular culture. His best-selling books examine such figures as Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Tupac Shakur, Marvin Gaye and Barack Obama. His writing is praised for combining rigorous scholarship with moral clarity and cultural insight.

In addition to his academic career, Dr. Dyson is an ordained minister and a nationally recognized media commentator. He has appeared on major radio and television programs such as NPR, Good Morning America and CNN and has served as a political analyst for MSNBC and columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Dyson graduated magna cum laude from Carson-Newman College with a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He earned a Ph.D. in religion from Princeton University.

## REGENT, UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND

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### YVETTE LEWIS



**Yvette Lewis** is a lifelong grassroots activist with a proven record as a Democratic leader, having been an organizer and a prolific fundraiser for the Maryland Democratic Party. She is a passionate believer in the power of learning and inclusive participation and has dedicated her work to creating opportunities for others to engage, lead and grow.

Lewis was first elected chair of the Maryland Democratic Party in 2011 and became the second African American woman to serve in the post. In her first stint, she raised more than \$7 million, ran two statewide coordinated campaigns and pushed to elevate and institutionalize the party's Diversity Leadership Councils.

In 2012, she successfully executed Maryland's delegate selection plan, leading to the election of the most diverse convention delegation in state history. She planned and organized all state party events at the national convention, which encompassed 15 events for more than 300 attendees over a five-day period.

On the national stage, during her first tenure as chair, Lewis was elected secretary of the National Association of State Democratic Chairs and served on the board of the ASDC Voter Co-Op, investing in the voter file program for all state parties. She was the recipient of the first Geneva Jones Award for service and leadership.

In 2019, Lewis was re-elected chair of the Maryland Democratic Party. During her second term, she led the party in a historic state election that included a victory for the first Democratic governor in eight years and the first Black governor in state history, the first immigrant lieutenant governor, the first female comptroller and the first Black attorney general.

While navigating the challenges of a global pandemic, Lewis ran two coordinated campaigns, executed a second delegate selection plan for a national convention and planned and executed a virtual national convention for 125 delegates with appearances by high-level elected officials including former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Congressman Jim Clyburn and Congressman Hakeem Jeffries. Lewis raised \$10 million during her return, increasing her total over two terms to more than \$17 million.

On the national stage, Lewis was elected unanimously to be the Eastern Caucus female representative on the DNC Executive Committee. She serves as ASDC chair emeritus and chair of the ASDC Voter Education and Engagement Standing Committee. She is also a member of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Standing Committee.

As an educator, Lewis created SO THIS IS OPERA, an interactive artist-in-residence program that has helped thousands of students in eight East Coast states develop a deeper appreciation for opera, earning her the nickname "The Opera Lady." She also writes award-winning children's music, including operas featured on Spotify, and earned a Parent's Choice Award for So This Is Opera presents "The Bully Goats Gruff and The Little Red Hen."

# MUSIC

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## **ALMA MATER**

CHARLOTTE B. ROBINSON

There's a spot in my heart that never grows cold,  
There's a place in my memory that never grows old.

There's a prayer on my lips that I'll ever be true

To God and my country,

To Bowie State, my school.

(REFRAIN)

Oh, Bowie State, dear Bowie State

May you forever be, the flame of faith,

The torch of truth,

To guide the steps of youth.

There's a song in my heart that I'll ever sing  
Of the beauties of Bowie State that each season brings.

There's a pledge in my heart that I'll ever keep true

To uphold the standards of Bowie State, my school.

(REFRAIN)

Oh, Bowie State, dear Bowie State

May you forever be, the flame of faith,

The torch of truth,

To guide the steps of youth.

## **LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING**

JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,

Ring with the harmonies of liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,

Let us march on till victory is won.

# THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

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**AMINTA H. BREAUX, Ph.D.**

President, Bowie State University, Presiding

**ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL**



**POSTING OF THE COLORS**

BSU Reserve Officers' Training Corps

LTC Roger Dominique, U.S. Army, Department Chair, Military Science



**“THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER”**

by Francis Scott Key

Arranged by Mark Hayes

Bowie State University Choir and Team Putte Choir of Sweden

Brandon Felder, Director, Bowie State University Choir

Putte Nelsson, Director, Team Putte Choir of Sweden



**“LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING”**

by James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson

Bowie State University Choir and Team Putte Choir of Sweden

Brandon Felder and Putte Nelsson, Directors



**MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

Dr. Barbara Smith

University Grand Marshal and Mace Bearer



**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Aminta H. Breaux, Ph.D.



**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Karen J. Shaheed, Esq.

Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Chief of Staff



**OPENING REMARKS AND CHARGES TO THE GRADUATES**

Aminta H. Breaux, Ph.D.



**GREETINGS**

Yvette Lewis

Regent, University System of Maryland

Taniya Bannister

President, Senior Class

Jeannine Mtui

Representative, Graduate Student Association



**VIDEO CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026**

Wes Moore

Governor of Maryland

# THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

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## **“WHEN I THINK”**

Bowie State University Choir and Team Putte Choir of Sweden  
Brandon Felder and Putte Nelsson, Directors



## **INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER**

Aminta H. Breaux, Ph.D.



## **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson

Distinguished Scholar, Bestselling Author and Renowned Social Critic  
Professor of African American & Diaspora Studies, Vanderbilt University



## **PRESENTATION OF THE TOKEN OF APPRECIATION**

Aminta H. Breaux, Ph.D.



## **“JUNGSTAPOSED”**

Bowie State University Symphonic Band  
Billy Bennett, Director of University Bands



## **RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES**

Dr. Guy-Alain Amoussou

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



## **CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Dr. Guy-Alain Amoussou



## **PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES**

Dr. Ofosuwa Abiola, Dean, Graduate School  
Dr. Steven Damo, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences  
Dr. Mohamed Djerdjouri, Dean, College of Business  
Dr. Rhonda Jeter, Dean, College of Education  
Dr. Cheryl Blackman, Dean, College of Professional Studies



## **ALUMNI WELCOME**

Dr. Stephanie Overton Stanard

President, National Alumni Association



## **ALMA MATER**

Bowie State University Choir and Team Putte Choir of Sweden  
Brandon Felder and Putte Nelsson, Directors



## **RETIRING OF THE COLORS**

Bowie State University Army Reserve Officers Training Corps  
LTC Roger Dominique



## **ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL**

# DEGREES CONFERRED

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## THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

**Doctor of Science in Computer Science**  
**Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership**  
**Master of Arts**  
**Master of Arts in Teaching**  
**Master of Business Administration**  
**Master of Education**  
**Master of Public Administration**  
**Master of Science**  
**Master of Science in Nursing**

## THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

**Bachelor of Arts**  
**Bachelor of Science**

The list of candidates for graduation was prepared within the time limits imposed for printing of the program. Therefore, the list of names is not conclusive. **Only those candidates who have met all graduation requirements will be granted a degree.**

# THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

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## DOCTOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

### **Yao Houkpati**

"Multi-class Novelty Adaptation Using Acoustic Data"

### **Srinivasa Kranthi Kiran Kolachina**

"Hybrid Features Fusion and Ensemble Learning for Cross-Dataset Generalization in Skin Cancer Detection"

### **Ndolo Florence Uchenna**

"Application of Machine Learning-NLP Approach with Fully Homomorphic Encryption Techniques in Medical PII Data"

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## DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

### **Temilade Ayo Aladeokin**

"Foster Local Economic Resilience Through Community Wealth Building Universities as Anchor Institutions"

### **Dalal Alolayan**

"Women's Leadership and Its Relationship to Administrative Innovation in a Public University in Saudi Arabia"

### **Alonzo Bailey**

"Exploring Black Male Students Access to Dual Enrollment to Become College and Career Ready"

### **Mark Anthony Berry Jr.**

"Black Male Resilience: Examining Barriers Influencing the Enrollment, Persistence, Progression, and Completion of Black Male Students at a Rural Community College in a Mid-Atlantic State"

### **Andrea Burrell**

"A Large, Diverse School District's Commitment to Inclusion: Staff Perceptions of an Equity-Focused Professional Development Initiative Supporting Students with Disabilities"

### **Sheree Price Coleman**

"Dismantling Systemic Barriers: The Influence of Principal-School Counselor Collaboration on Culturally Responsive School Environments"

### **Clyde Doughty, Jr.**

(Posthumous)

"The Impact of Enslavement, Education, Segregation, and Desegregation on the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) and the African American Athlete."

### **Ronald Drummond**

"A Mixed Methods Approach to Investigate the Impact of Mentorship and a Supportive Community on the Self-Efficacy of Novice Black Male Elementary Teachers"

### **Desiree Monique Early**

The Influence of Teacher Preparation Programs for Alternately Certified Teachers In K-12 Schools In a Mid-Atlantic State: A Phenomenological Study From the Perspective of Teachers and Administrators"

### **Laura Elizabeth Edwards**

"An Investigation of School Counselor Ratios and Their Impact on Student-School Counselor Relationships in Pennsylvania"

### **Mary Catherine Hart**

"Unpacking Implicit Bias in the Classroom: A Dyadic Observation of Teacher Perceptions and Racialized Student Interactions"

### **Leah C. Hilliard**

"Secondary Students' Engagement in Online Learning: Students' Perspectives"

### **Naima Khalilah Hopkins-Vinson**

"A Critical Discourse Analysis of the Social Skills Goals of Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders Through the Lens of Transformative Social Emotional Learning"

### **Edward David Jauss**

"The Impact of Implementing Restorative Practices on an Urban School District in a Mid-Atlantic State: Students' Attendance, Academic Achievement, Discipline, and Students' Sense of Belonging Based on Quantitative School Data Post-Covid 19"

### **Lora Susan Johnson**

"Exploring the Relationship Between Principal Leadership, Collective Teacher Efficacy, and Retention of Special Education Teachers"

### **Renee Diane Jones**

"Elementary General Education Teachers' Perception of Knowledge and Preparedness for Teaching Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Classrooms"

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# THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

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## DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

### **Heather Elizabeth Kafele**

"Does Receiving Direct Services from a Speech-Language Pathologist Impact the Performance of Students with Dyslexia on State Reading Assessments?"

### **Debra Denise Lee**

"Navigating Educational Disparities: The Impact of Parental Support and Access to Technology on Black Middle School Students' Academic Performance in Math and Science During COVID-19 in Maryland, USA"

### **Melissa Beth Lichter**

"An Investigation of Practices That Improve Retention of Special Education Teachers in a Mid-Atlantic School District"

### **Amelia Ross Markosian**

"Educators Leveraging Learning Management Systems to Engage Gen Z and Gen Alpha by Incorporating Targeted Learning Preferences"

### **Brandy Lee McDonald-Nestor**

"Culture Wars on the Schoolhouse Steps: An Exploration of the Impact of Digital Aggression on K-12 School Leaders"

### **Toyen Antoinette Montgomery**

"Self-Efficacy Among K-8 Special Education Educators: Examining Differences by Program Type and Caseload Size in High-Demand Educational Settings"

### **Nikia E. Nickerson**

"Teacher Perspectives on Innovative Strategies to Promote Literacy in Reading Instruction Among Third to Fifth Grade African American Males in a Large School District in a Mid-Atlantic State"

### **Michelle Elise Phillips**

"Where Are They? Recruiting and Retaining Teachers of Color in a State in a Rural Mid-Atlantic"

### **Sharonda Lynnette Scott**

"Are Teachers in Crisis? Examining the Impact of Job Demands and Burnout on the Well-Being and Attrition of Special Educators in a Mid-Atlantic State"

### **Diedra A. Smalls-Screws**

"High School Teachers Perspectives on Professional Development and the Impact on Teacher Performance in an Urban School District"

### **Monica Rea Taliani**

"A Quantitative Study on Perceptions of School District Communications"

### **Melissa Kathleen Maenner Walters**

"Bridging Preferences and Practice: Rural Secondary ELA Teachers' and Special Education Teachers' Perceptions of Implementing Choice Through Students Reading Preferences in Mid-Atlantic State-Approved HQIM"

### **Sandi Williams**

"Empowering School Leaders: Exploring Transformative Learning Through Partnerships with Community Museums"

# THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

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## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED BIOTECHNOLOGY & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY**

Comfort Y. Adegboye  
Jeremy Brandon Dorsey  
Mariam Zainab Koroma  
Aminata Marie Mansaray  
Cherita Marie Powers  
Subhechha Rijal

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Syed Fraz Ali  
Nimi Kenanagha  
Emmanuel A. Olayemi  
Jude Antwi Osafo  
Sean Wright

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH**

Jaleah Jenai Dortch  
Rachel Octavia Keeyes

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERNET OF THINGS & INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES**

Ar'Shaun Malcolm De'Ron Moore

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN MATHEMATICS**

Marc A. Jenkins

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Jared Michael Achuff  
Camilla Fatimetou Ahmed  
Abdullah Oudah Alahmari  
Saleh Abdulaziz Alhawas  
Saad Saeed Almideth  
Yaser Ali Alshamrani  
Carolyn Perry Alston  
Andrew Lewis Brown  
Aubree T. Ellison  
Ronrico Dwshuna Faniel  
Albanie Damowah Lloyd  
Brooke McKenzie Shelton-Epps  
Valeria E. Smyth  
Troy Jerome Spencer  
Theodoric Madison Weston

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## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### **MASTER OF BUSINESS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Jade Teresa Ford  
Alie Mohamed Kabia  
Danielle Arionna Lowe-Better  
Stanley Daniel Mondestin  
Paola S. Montepeque  
Dakharai Xavier Murray  
Justin Ikechukwu Nwosu  
Marissa M. Rice  
Kenan B. Willis

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

Emmanuel Boateng Adams  
Ayanna Monique Lee Jones  
Janae McDowell  
Jeannine Djaris Mtui  
Catera De'Shay Ruth  
Jahlove Amir Shakur

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS & SCIENCES**

Belema Abi-Kalio  
Adedamola Adekanmi  
Adedotun Okeowo Ademowo  
Precious Aderonke Adeyinka  
Olawuyi Olufadejimi Afolabi  
Akinwande Akinlaja  
Gilbert Kwabena Asiedu-Addo  
Sophia Awartey  
Ireoluwa David Ayo Sonubi  
Kwabena Kwakye Boateng  
Amanda Faye Burroughs  
Daniel Chimereze Emeruem  
Torrienne Alysa Emery

# THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

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## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS & SCIENCES** CONTINUED

Naomi A. English  
Khalfani Wade Hargrow  
Jennifer Favour Kalu  
Sriraghav Koppula  
Princess Jelilat Adeyanju Lawal  
Ashleigh Mosley

Chukwudi Chukwunonyerem Nwaolu  
Ifeoluwa Benjamin Olukanni  
Adeola Olufunmilola Oshiyemi  
Naomi Owiredu  
Kishan Pachhai  
Mouhamadou Moustapha Thiam  
Juliana Twum Ampofoah  
Victory Ubogu  
Enrique Ricardo Wallace

### **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Janeen Patrice Brown  
Mary Isokpe Nebongo  
Nijah Danae Williams  
Lisa Wood

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## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY**

Jasmine Nicole Blair  
David William Cloutier  
Ayanna R. Coleman  
Nathaniel Andrew Dalgetty  
Jate Joyce Harrington  
David Stanley Hoke  
Kaiya Ayana Husband  
Noelani C. Ingles  
Lena T. Le-Martinez  
Ophelia Estelle Lewis  
Aerec Rayez Orange  
Kiera Margerie Parham Brothers  
Matthew Edward Douglas Pinkney  
Marselas Bruce Pope  
Meera Janaki Raja  
Brittany Carol Scott  
Sheliese Crystal Smith  
Haddy Tambadou  
Jayln T. Toatley

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

Tyler Joan Noel Anderson  
Romuladus Emeka Azuine  
Deja D. Brockett  
Justice Michaela Claiborne  
Nathan Gerard Fincher  
Caleb James Floyd  
Isaiah E. Ford  
De'jon Andre Galloway  
Yohannes Hailu Girma  
Charnita Jefferies  
Kayla Alexis Jones  
Nala Jahara Lovett  
Simonica Rodrigues Mendes  
Elijah Daniel Prince  
Quinten Monroe Randolph  
Tracee M. Rhodes  
Allison Gabriela Sierra  
Khelli Jaylen Sinkfield Scarbor  
Karley Aleyah Thomas

### **MASTER OF EDUCATION IN READING EDUCATION**

Ashley Morgan Addington  
Anaiyah K. Boone Douglas  
Kaela A. Clark  
Kelsey Elizabeth Farrell  
Dominique Tonaya Akiera Fuller  
Nunutzi Trujillo Harlow  
Laura Ann Kidd  
Crystal Lopez  
Elizabeth Diane Macaluso  
Angela Robinson McNellage  
Melissa Sue Naidoo  
Emma Joy Pracher  
Angelina Rangel  
Sofia Sabrina Ruiz-Argueta  
Kristen Joy Speights  
Ruth Anna White

### **MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE LEADERSHIP**

Kisairy A. Vasquez

# THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

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## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### **MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOL COUNSELING**

Tea Sharae Candi Caines

Malik J. Clarke

Michael Vincent Davis

Eden Lorraine Gregory

Tatiana Hyman

Alexandra Carolina Velasquez

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY**

Tara Beers

Keanna Kayla Brown

Sagirah Elliottay Brown

Haley Elizabeth Downin

Imani Ivory Harvey

Destiny Shanbria Ingram

Sasha M. Solomon

Cameran Aaliyah Thompson

Nneka Asha Truss

Nogaye Khady Natasha Wade

Shayla Ann Williams

### **MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Fatima O. Bello

Gexi E. Chavez-bonilla

Aliyah Simone Farnum

Stefanie Robin Moellmann

Jessica Lorena Olfus

Honie Lee Simpson

Adrian Turner

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING**

Casee Bryan

Jasmine Marie Daniels

Makala Denise Hebert

Tiffaney Randle

Summer Kai Thomas

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## COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Patrice Renee Scott

Allie Timbo

# THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

## LATIN HONORS

Summa Cum Laude 3.85 – 4.00 Magna Cum Laude 3.65 – 3.84 Cum Laude 3.50 – 3.64

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Ama-Soley Kyerematin Allrich	Temiloluwa M. Eniola	Imani Sidonie Ledgister	Sydney Paige Taylor
Victoria Zaira Anderson	Catherine Chiamaka Enwereji	Christopher Patrick Messinese	Nashetah Kanene Salome
Loren Angel Anderson	Chenilyn Joy Espineda	Sudais Mohamed	Thomas-EL
Nadiyah A. Ariyibi-Sani	Dayana Lilibeth Ferrufino	Keturah Osarieme Omo-Osagie	Michelle Christina Tompkins
Oreoluwa G. Ayinde	Malachi X. Gray	Aniyah Kyanna Pena	Jessica Ann Tyler
Charmayne Denyce Banks	Portia Monique Harrell-Mitchell	Amber Aniyah Peoples	Andrea Carolina Umana
Allissa Barnes	Nidra Clarie Jackson Hayes	Isha Salma Renner	Mackenzie Elania Washington
Emani Asata Brooks	Heidi Michelle Holthaus	Eric Ryans	Michelle Winter
Kayla Adanna December	Joshua Leron Jacobs	Luciano Jovannie Saavedra	
Katie Elizabeth Downing Powell	Crystal Johnson	JaBrea' Capri Smith	

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Daniel O. Adebayo	Perrin Guerda Despeignes	Jasmine Nichole Latimer	Tranae' Shante' Pinkney
Aanuoluwapo Precious Adewole	Daoshia Lateshia Dorsey	Eboni Joi Lipscomb	Traniya Shantr'E Pinkney
David Christopher Atwell	Rashawnda Nicole Ellis	Jada A. Long	Roderick Stanley
Mikala Shurice Barber	Genesis D. Escamilla	Erika Kiana Nicole Massey	Pittman-Delancey
Trever D. Batson	Franklyn Chinemere Eze	Jordyn Ashanti May	Nia G. Plair
Makayla D. Beasley	Ashtyn Marie Finney	Kelly S. Mbuk	Susie Eleanor Pleasant
Sukyah J'Nyl Booker	Keri Lynn Frey	Chauncey Amiri McGhee Jr.	Carolyn Denise Rand
Jacob Xristos Bouloubassis	Anntoneo Alasante Haughton	Destiny J. Miles	Micayhla D. Robinson
Naja Ayan Brooks	Sean Ricardo Henderson	Da'Nia Jonice Minor	Braden Aaron Rodriguez
Nicole Lavern Brown	Nyela Sakari Hendrix	Akema N. Mitchell	Luigi Morana Salcedo
Daniel L. Byrd	Ingris Marisol Hernandez	Fa'Dazia Inderiah Montgomery	Jerell Aaron Smith
Lundyn M. Campbell-Rhodes	Quintanilla	Jalayah Tanearah Muhammad	Bryson R. Sykes
Senai Kalie Carr	Titorian Huggins	Elijah John Newman	Amya Tejanah Tate
Dhane Trinity Chapman	Janice Adwoa Incoom	Abimbola Oluwayomi Olubode	Misturat Ayomikun Tom-Alli
Kamalcris J. Cottrell	Saniya Sherelle Isaac	Brooklyn Lakaia Owens	Darres Lincoln Tucker
Deasia Lavern Craig	Ibrahim S. Jalloh	Henrietta Owusu	Jessica Urie
Tanisha Annmarie	Jnya Dhane Johnson	Kayla E. Parker	Joshua Wesley Watters
Degreaffenreidte	Nailah Dhani Killingsworth	Anthony J. Parker	Lauren A. Williams
Sage M. Despeignes	Ariel Rene Lardizabal	Danaya Latrice Lillie Perry	Marcus D. Williams

### CUM LAUDE

Trudy Abaidoo	Ashlei Chang	David M. Gissentanna	Tavia Tahniya Paige
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# ACADEMIC COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

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## THE MEDALLION



The ceremonial chain is being worn by an increasing number of leaders in higher education. The chain designed for Bowie State University, an institution rich in tradition, is one that depicts the university's heritage.

The ceremonial medallion offers a unique opportunity to honor the presiding president and the former presidents of the university. The Bowie State University medallion includes the university seal, which is three and one-eighth inches in diameter surrounded by a decorative bezel. Each presidential banner that makes up the chain is one and three-eighths inches. Each banner is inscribed with each former president's name and term of office.

# ACADEMIC COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

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## THE MACE AND ACADEMIC REGALIA

### THE MACE

The mace, introduced in twelfth century France by Philip II and in England by Richard I, was designed as an emblem signifying the authority of state officials, sergeants-at-arms, royal bodyguards and ecclesiastical dignitaries. It has been adopted for its symbolism by colleges and universities in the United States and is traditionally borne in academic processions by the faculty marshal.

The Bowie State University mace, reimagined in 2018 and first used during the inauguration of Dr. Breaux, stands 50 inches tall and contains design details that represent the rich legacy of the institution's history and pay homage to its alma mater. The tapered mahogany staff bears seven, gold-plated engraved banners that designate major epochs in the school's history and changes in its name.

The staff supports an eight-inch brass flame that sits atop a four-sided base, with each side displaying a three-inch, gold-plated medallion. One side of the base features a medallion with the university seal – the opposing side depicts a replica of the African Baptist Chapel on Saratoga Street in Baltimore, where the original school was founded in 1865. The other two medallions bear the words, "Flame of Faith" and "Torch of Truth," echoed in the alma mater. The lyrics carry the hope that Bowie State University will continue to serve generations of students for years to come.



### ACADEMIC REGALIA

The custom of wearing academic dress can be traced to the Middle Ages when scholars were also clerics and wore the robes of their monastic order. The hood originally was a cowl attached to the gown, which could be slipped over the head for warmth. The cap, originally round, later became the square mortarboard commonly seen today.

Under contemporary rules of protocol, only holders of the doctorate may wear the four-sided, six-sided or eight-sided velvet tam. The gown worn varies according to the degree earned. The bachelor's gown, for example, is worn closed and can be distinguished from the rest by its long pointed sleeves. The master's gown is designed to be worn open, with slits at the elbow of the sleeves to accommodate the arms. The doctor's gown, also worn open, has full, bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal bars stitched across the upper arm. A velvet panel that is stitched down the front edges is draped around the neck.

The doctor's hood is four feet long, of fuller shape, and rounded at the base. The hood is bordered with velvet, the color of which typically indicates the field of study in which the wearer's degree was earned: dark blue for philosophy; light blue for education; orange for engineering; gold/yellow for science; green for medicine; salmon pink for public health; purple for law; white for arts and letters, etc. The silk lining of the hood carries the colors of the institution that granted the degree. If more than one degree is held, the gown and hood symbolic of the highest degree are worn.

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# BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

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## UNIVERSITY HISTORY

Bowie State is an outgrowth of a school that opened in Baltimore, Maryland, on January 9, 1865, by an organization dedicated to offering educational opportunities for Black citizens.

From those humble beginnings, Bowie State has become a comprehensive university, offering more than 30 undergraduate majors, 20 master's degree programs, 22 specialty certificates and three doctoral programs in a broad range of disciplines. Bowie State University continues to build on its legacy of providing access to a high-quality education.

### FOUNDING OF THE FIRST SCHOOL

The Baltimore Association for the Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People was organized in 1864 by 46 men, comprised of businessmen, lawyers, clergymen and Quakers, committed to opening schools to educate the state's newly emancipated citizens. One of those men was Joseph M. Cushing, an outspoken champion for the education of the Black population.

As chairman of the Educational Committee for Maryland's Constitutional Convention in 1864, Cushing chastised the committee's refusal to fund schools for Black people: "There will come a time when this state will be forced by public opinion to provide means for educating our colored population."

The association opened its first Baltimore school, School 1, on Jan. 9, 1865, in the African Baptist Church in Crane's Building on the corner of Calvert and Saratoga streets. The school offered courses in the elements of education. Courses to train teachers were added in 1866.

The facility was woefully inadequate. In 1867, with the aid of the Freedmen's Bureau, the Quakers of England and others, the Baltimore Association purchased and renovated the Old Friends Meeting House at the corner of Saratoga and Courtland streets to house the Baltimore Normal School for Colored Teachers.

### MOVE TO BOWIE

After repeated petitions from the Baltimore Normal School trustees, the state legislature authorized the Board of Education to assume control of the school in 1908 and redesignated it State Normal School Number 3, finally fulfilling the dream of Cushing and the Baltimore Association.

By 1910, the state decided to relocate the school to Bowie, Maryland, purchasing an 187-acre tract formerly known as Jericho Farm, which dated to 1716. The school opened at the new location in 1911 with about 60 students and Don Speed Smith Goodloe as the first Black principal. In 1914, its name changed to the Maryland Normal and Industrial School at Bowie.

Under President Leonidas James, the school began a two-year professional curriculum in teacher education in 1925, which expanded to a three-year program in 1931. A four-year program to train elementary school teachers was introduced in 1935, and the school was renamed the Maryland Teachers College at Bowie.

Teacher education continued to expand under the 25-year tenure of President William Henry. The institution established programs to train teachers for junior high school in 1951 and for secondary education in 1961, advancing toward becoming a liberal arts college.

### TRANSITION TO A STATE LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE

The Maryland State Legislature authorized the College to become Bowie State College in 1963, following the establishment of a liberal arts program. New majors in English, history and general social science were added, expanding offerings beyond teacher education.

Under President Samuel Myers, the college established its first graduate degree program, offering the Master of Education in 1969. The first director of the graduate division was Dr. J. Alexander Wiseman, a graduate of the Maryland Teachers College at Bowie and the first African American student to earn a doctoral degree from the University of Maryland, College Park.

# BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

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## UNIVERSITY HISTORY

### **EMERGENCE AS A COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITY**

In 1988, Bowie State College became Bowie State University, under President James Lyons, reflecting significant growth in academic programs, enrollment and community service. On the same day, the university also became one of the member institutions of the newly formed University System of Maryland.

Bowie State University gained recognition as a leader in the education of science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines. In 1995, Bowie State won an 11-year, \$27 million award from NASA and the National Science Foundation, becoming one of only six national Model Institutions for Excellence in STEM.

### **TODAY'S BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY**

Bowie State University ranks among the nation's top comprehensive universities, cultivating next-generation leaders by providing opportunities for students to discover their strengths through focused academic experiences and opportunities to tackle real-world problems.

U.S. News & World Report ranks Bowie State as No. 11 among HBCUs. Bowie State's cybersecurity programs are recognized as a National Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security.

Now more than ever, Bowie State University is committed to preparing students for success in a highly technological, global society.



# BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

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## UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS

### LEADING BOWIE STATE INTO THE FUTURE

Bowie State University empowers more than 5,900 students with a rigorous curriculum and supportive resources that help them remain competitive in a changing world. The university continues to advance as one of the nation's top comprehensive institutions, with growing academic programs and modern facilities that support innovative teaching, learning and research.

#### KEY HONORS

- U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges 2026" ranks Bowie State at No. 11 among the nation's top HBCUs.
- The Carnegie Research Activity Classification awarded Bowie State the 'Research College and University' designation in 2025.
- Bowie State University's graduate programs in education and public administration have been acknowledged for their excellence in the U.S. News & World Report's "2026 Best Graduate Schools" rankings.
- The National Security Agency and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security recognize Bowie State's cybersecurity programs as a National Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education.
- Military Times "Best for Vets 2025" ranks Bowie State University at No. 4 in Maryland.

#### CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

- The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, which opened in fall 2024, honors the power of free expression by providing specialized learning environments that inspire innovation across disciplines such as history, language, literature, communications and media studies.
- The Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community is a hub of innovation and home to more than 500 students, designed to nurture their passion for starting a business.
- The Center for Natural Sciences, Mathematics & Nursing includes research and instructional laboratories, flexible classrooms, a nursing simulation wing, and a fully enclosed greenhouse.
- The Fine & Performing Arts Center is an All-Steinway facility, featuring only Steinway pianos in both practice and performance spaces.
- The Student Center received LEED Gold certification for its environmentally sustainable design, making Bowie State the first HBCU to receive this honor for a student center.

#### EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND RESEARCH

- Natural science students who choose a research track can work with faculty mentors to make breakthroughs in health and medicine.
- The College of Education has partnered with local school districts to launch an initiative that prepares more students to become certified educators.
- The Bowie Business Innovation Center, a partnership with the city of Bowie, is Maryland's only business incubator located at an HBCU. Students interested in starting a business can enroll in the new Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management program or pursue an Upper-Division Certificate in Entrepreneurship, which is open to students of any major. The Entrepreneurship Innovation Center helps students develop the skills and access the resources needed to advance their entrepreneurial ideas.



# BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

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## HISTORY OF PRESIDENTS

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\*Principal 1865–1866
2. **H.F. Hartwell**  
\*Principal 1866–1869
3. **P. J. Doran**  
\*Principal 1869–1870
4. **Anne Coore**  
\*Principal 1870–1872
5. **M. A. Newell**  
\*Principal 1872–1893
6. **Alexander Chaplain**  
\*Principal 1893–1893
7. **George Harrison**  
\*Principal 1893–1911
8. **Dr. Don Speed Smith Goodloe**  
\*Principal 1911–1921
9. **Dr. Leonidas S. James**  
\*Principal 1921–1938  
President 1938–1941
10. **Dr. Joseph Alexander Wiseman**  
Interim President  
December 1941–February 1942
11. **Dr. William Edward Henry**  
President 1942–1967
12. **Dr. Samuel Lloyd Myers**  
President 1967–1977
13. **Edmund C. Mester**  
Interim President  
(Mester fell ill in December 1977, and the board appointed Ms. Carolyn Reid-Wallace to temporarily lead the university until May 1978. She did not hold the formal presidential title.)
14. **Dr. Rufus L. Barfield**  
President 1978–1982
15. **Marcellina Brooks**  
Acting President  
January 1983–September 1983
16. **Dr. James Lyons Sr.**  
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