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PRESIDENT, BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Aminta H. Breaux



Dr. Aminta H. Breaux has served as the visionary 10th president of Bowie State University since July 2017, bringing more than 30 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 and has led the effort to build an Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community, set to open 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's P-20 Leadership Council of Maryland. She is vice chair for the Board of Directors

for the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA).

Dr. Breaux is committed to serving her community, particularly with programs and support activities that enrich the lives of children and youth. She is a member of the board of directors for the Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable, Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce and the University of Maryland Capital Region Health.

Her recent honors include the Educator of the Year Award from the National Council of Negro Women. She also received the Trailblazer Award from the Bowie Business Innovation Center (BIC), the business accelerator located at Bowie State, in conjunction with Capital One, and the Capital City Chapter Links Inc. Leadership Award.

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.

Previously, she was dean of students at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, known as the country's first college of pharmacy. At Drexel University, she served as assistant provost. She got her start in higher education as a career counselor at the University of Pennsylvania.

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 three grandchildren.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Ms. Stacey Abrams

VOTING RIGHTS CHAMPION & POLITICAL LEADER



Voting rights champion, political leader and bestselling author Stacey Abrams is an outspoken advocate in the fight to expand voting access and is the *New York Times*-bestselling author of “Our Time Is Now” and “Lead from the Outside.”

She is widely credited with increasing voter turnout in Georgia in the 2020 presidential election, as well as in the state’s 2020–21 U.S. Senate election and special election. She was nominated for a 2021 Nobel Peace Prize for her efforts. She made history in 2019 as the first African-American woman to deliver a response to the State of the Union address.

She was the nation’s first African-American female major-party gubernatorial nominee when she ran as the Democratic candidate in the 2018 Georgia governor’s race, winning more votes, at the time, than any Democrat in state history. Before her gubernatorial run, she served as Democratic Leader of the Georgia House of Representatives for seven years.

Abrams has launched several organizations to address inequities in government. She started Fair Fight Action to ensure every American has a voice in our election system, Fair Count to ensure accuracy in the 2020 Census and the Southern Economic Advancement Project, a public policy initiative to broaden economic power and build equity in the South.

Abrams holds a Juris Doctor degree from Yale Law School, a Master of Public Affairs degree from University of Texas at Austin and a bachelor’s degree from Spelman College.

PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

Major Riddick, Jr.

PUBLIC SERVANT & ENTREPRENEUR



Major Riddick Jr. is a distinguished public servant and a successful entrepreneur, who made history as the nation's first African-American to serve as chief of staff to the Maryland governor.

Riddick has enjoyed an extraordinary public service career marked by a series of firsts, serving for more than 25 years in leadership roles with Prince George's County and the state of Maryland. He was the first African-American appointed to serve as chief administrative officer for Prince George's County, the highest professional position in county government, after having served the county as budget analyst, executive director of the Housing Authority, director of housing and community development and director of the Office of Budget and Management.

In 1995, he became the first African-American to serve as chief of staff for the Maryland governor and the only African-American chief of staff to any governor in the country at the time. Riddick also served as Maryland's first chief of technology, helping to lay the groundwork for the state's digital transformation.

In 2019, Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks appointed him to serve again as chief administrative officer.

Riddick has held several volunteer leadership positions that demonstrate his commitment to community service. He has served as president of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators and was a board member for the Airport Minority Advisory Council.

He holds a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration from Virginia Tech. He is also a graduate of Harvard University's Executive Leadership Training Program.

THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

DR. AMINTA H. BREAUX
President of the University, Presiding

POSTING OF THE COLORS
BSU Reserve Officers Training Corps



WELCOME REMARKS
Dr. Aminta H. Breaux
President



CONGRATULATIONS REMARKS
Mr. Darren Swain
President, Bowie State University National Alumni Association

Mr. Larry Hogan
Governor, State of Maryland

Mr. Nathaniel Sansom
Student Regent, University System of Maryland Board of Regents



INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER
Ms. Aminat Ariyo
President, Senior Class

Ms. Breanna Johnson
Director of Communications, Graduate Student Association

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Ms. Stacey Abrams
Voting Rights Champion and Political Leader



PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE
Dr. Aminta H. Breaux
President



CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Candidates for Degrees Presented by
Dr. Carl Goodman
Provost



RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES
Dr. Carl Goodman
Provost



CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES
Dr. Aminta H. Breaux
President

MUSIC

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.

DEGREES CONFERRED

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

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 Management Information Systems

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

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Norman Lee Coleman

Bowie, Maryland

M.Ed. — University of Delaware

B.S. — University of Delaware

A Study of School Leadership and Gifted Black Male Students

Cynthia Farmer

Bowie, Maryland

M.Ed. — Bowie State University

B.S. — Seton Hall University

Factors that Impact the Retention of Elementary Teachers of Color in Title One and Non-Title One Schools in an Urban School District in a Mid-Atlantic State

Emerald Brenette Fulmore

Burtonsville, Maryland

MBA — Morgan State University

B.S. — Winston Salem State University

Alternative Roads to Leadership Roles in Athletic Administration for African American Women "Securing Your Seat at the Table"

Stephanie McLeod

Bowie, Maryland

M.Ed. — Bowie State University

B.S. — Johnson C. Smith University

The Impact of Music Training on Mathematics Achievement of Eleventh Grade Algebra 2 Students in an Urban District

Rachel Anite Thompson

Lanham, Maryland

M.A. — Bowie State University

B.S. — Bowie State University

A Study Investigating Pupil Personnel Workers' Perspectives of Restorative Justice Approaches

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Arts and Sciences

MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Kendra Acquanetta Artis

Washington, D.C.

B.A. — University of the
District of Columbia

Shansa K. Barrow

Odenton, Maryland

B.A. — Brown University

Mark Cox

Baltimore, Maryland

B.A. — Howard University

Shannon A. Ferguson

Silver Spring, Maryland

B.A. — Coppin State University

Angela Sydney James

Waldorf, Maryland

B.A. — University of Maryland

Patricia Ann Johnson

Woodbine, Maryland

B.A. — University of Maryland

Chaquina Angela Jones

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

B.A. — Washington State University

Edwin Philip Julien

Columbia, Maryland

B.S. — New York Institute of Technology

Ashley Danielle Monroe

Baltimore, Maryland

B.S. — Florida Agricultural &
Mechanical University

Alexandra Abolarinwa Omogbadegun

Severn, Maryland

B.S. — Covenant University

MASTER OF ARTS IN ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Amgad Alasmari

Temple Hills, Maryland

B.S. — Princess Nora Bint
Abdul Rahman University

Mohammed Aldosari

Silver Spring, Maryland

B.S. — International College

Waad Ali Alferaehy

Fairfax, Virginia

B.S. — Marymount University

Khalid Homoud Alharbi

Alexandria, Virginia

B.S. — Al Imam Muhammad
Ibn Saud Islamic University

Abdullah M. Alzahrani Sr.

Vienna, Virginia

B.A. — Al Imam Muhammad
Ibn Saud Islamic University

Brenden Kyle Ashby

Germantown, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Gregory Bargeman

Bowie, Maryland

B.S. — University of North Carolina

Vance E. Brinkley

Hyattsville, Maryland

B.S. — Morgan State University

Joyneida Lashaunda Brown

Frederick, Maryland

B.S. — University of Toledo

Gaella Patricia Claude

Hyattsville, Maryland

B.S. — Florida Atlantic University

Asha Brianna Chalet' Curry

Accokeek, Maryland

B.S. — Salisbury University

Andra Howard

Temple Hills, Maryland

B.S. — Towson University

James T. Potts III

Suitland, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Rhonda Kay Singletary

Annapolis, Maryland

B.S. — University of Maryland

Ashley Janelle G. Stewart

Crofton, Maryland

B.S. — Towson University

David Lee Thompson

Bowie, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Jamal Wallace

Fredericksburg, Virginia

B.S. — Virginia Union University

Damon R. Wilson

Bowie, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Staphord Eliphace Bengesi

Laurel, Maryland

B.S. — University of Dar-Es-Salaam

Yordanos Solomon Bezabeh

Washington, D.C.

B.S. — Corcordia College

Shreya Shah

Burtonsville, Maryland

B.A. — University of Maryland

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS

Nia Michelle Massey

Washington, D.C.

B.S. — Spelman College

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Business

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Drew Alexandra Arnett
Washington, D.C.
B.S. — Coppin State University

Brittney Monique Bynum
Clinton, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Karleshia Ebony Dorsey
Waldorf, Maryland
B.S. — Florida State University

Devin Antwain Douglas
Fort Washington, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Glendon Avery Gragg
Tulsa, Oklahoma
B.S. — University of Tulsa

Alexandria Cherisse Hunter
Fort Washington, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Mahagoni Elayne McGriff
Oxon Hill, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Charles J. Meheux
Riverdale, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Rafael Francisco Metcalfe
Hyattsville, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Tawakalitu Funmilola Olanigbogbo
Greenbelt, Maryland
B.S. — Fairfield University

Julia Scott Rouhi
Gambrills, Maryland
B.S. — Ithaca College

Brandon Sharp
Clinton, Maryland
B.S. — North Carolina
Central University

Tarita Leshay Walters
Fort Washington, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Andre Arthur
Capitol Heights, Maryland
B.A. — Frostburg State University

Ismaila Babatunde Balogun
Alexandria, Virginia
B.A. — University of Lagos

Keriesha A. Brown
Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland

Jynnea Melisa Campbell
Columbia, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Kamau Akeel Clark
Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Terence Drew Collins
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — Benedict College

Imani A. Cooper
Washington, D.C.
B.S. — Penn State University

Henry Fadojutimi
Waldorf, Maryland
B.S. — University of the District of
Columbia

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Glen Burnie, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland

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B.A. — Trinity Washington University

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B.S. — Bowie State University

Jewel Dominique Perry
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B.S. — Bowie State University

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Silver Spring, Maryland
B.S. — State University of New York

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Havre de Grace, Maryland
B.S. — Frostburg State University

Jordan Sidberry
Accokeek, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland

Enel Similien
Laurel, Maryland
B.A. — University of Central Florida

Ranelle Monique Skipper
Severn, Maryland
B.A. — University of Louisiana

Maya Spiers
Temple Hills, Maryland
B.S. — Trinity Washington University

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Abdulrahman Alnafisah
West Haven, New York
B.S. — King Faisal University

Fawn Lynee Cardona
Lakeland, Florida
B.S. — Bowie State University

Oliver Eyo Ette
Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — University of Jos

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Business

Farida Chepkemai Keter

Bowie, Maryland

B.S. — Kenyatta University

Bob Junior Osea

Bristow, Virginia

B.S. — Keyatta University

Devin Anthony Price

Laurel, Maryland

B.S. — University of Maryland

College of Education

**MASTER OF ARTS
IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY****Michael Armand Barnette**

Columbia, Maryland

B.S. — University of Maryland

Brittini Nicole Bittner

Charlotte Hall, Maryland

B.A. — University of Maryland

Akira M. Brown

Temple Hills, Maryland

B.A. — Salisbury University

Chidiomimi Nneka Chime

Takoma Park, Maryland

B.A. — Temple University

Anderson Jerry Crenshaw

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

B.A. — University of Maryland

Serena H. Crumlin

District Heights, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Cieara Necole Davis

Laurel, Maryland

B.A. — Virginia State University

Yarini Alexandra Garcia-Guilamo

Bronx, New York

B.S. — State University of New York

Ehame Frunelle Gbesso

Linthicum, Maryland

B.S. — Towson University

Gabrielle Wynter Headen

Abingdon, Maryland

B.S. — Stevenson University

Nicol J. Jackson

Washington, D.C.

B.A. — University of Maryland

Isha Kanu

Laurel, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Niamani Mayes

Bowie, Maryland

B.S. — Capital University

Mary Elizabeth McCauley

Bowie, Maryland

B.S. — Fisk University

Zyaire Monet Neal

Harwood, Maryland

B.S. — Stevenson University

Onoisewealu Orhuare Osunbor

Bowie, Maryland

B.S. — University of Nigeria

Tori Lashirl Scruggs

District Heights, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Tsion Tadesse Seifu

Silver Spring, Maryland

B.S. — Frostburg State University

Kiara W. Stephens

Jacksonville, Florida

B.S. — Bluefield College

Cherie Michelle Thomas

Glen Burnie, Maryland

B.A. — Marymount University

**MASTER OF ARTS
IN MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING****Curtis James Amos**

Bowie, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Jordan Virginia Barksdale

Glenn Dale, Maryland

B.S. — Spelman College

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Clarksburg, Maryland

B.S. — University of Maryland

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Cheltenham, Maryland

B.S. — Delaware State University

Jasmine Lasha Hodges

Camp Springs, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Taylor Charisse Kennerly

Landover, Maryland

B.S. — Howard University

Sarah Mubiki

Greenbelt, Maryland

B.S. — University of Maryland
University College

Susan Doreen Murray

Glen Burnie, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Education

Rita Memu McCoy

Bowie, Maryland

B.S. — Douglas College

Terri Chanel Shephard

District Heights, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Destiny R. Simon

Capitol Heights, Maryland

B.S. — East Tennessee State University

Shannon Nicole Weaver

Fort Washington, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Douglas Gene White

Waldorf, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Briana Nicole Williamson

Waldorf, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

**MASTER OF EDUCATION
IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY****Bria Denae Barber**

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

B.S. — Towson University

Charlene Folks

Bowie, Maryland

B.S. — Morgan State University

Ashli Nacole Huggins

Spotsylvania, Virginia

B.S. — Virginia State University

Janikqua Deniece Smith

Great Mills, Maryland

B.S. — Stevenson University

Samantha Irene Stanley

Sedley, Virginia

B.S. — Virginia State University

Tori Leigh Taylor

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

B.S. — University of Maryland

Valerie C. Taylor

Walkersville, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Ariel Sierra Tucker

New Carrollton, Maryland

B.S. — Hollins University

**MASTER OF ARTS
IN TEACHING****Tanisha Jeanette Tolliver**

Laurel, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Oghenetajiri M. Olafimihan

Bowie, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

**MASTER OF EDUCATION
IN READING****Christina Margaret Allen**

Bladensburg, Maryland

B.S. — Coppin State University

Rebecca Mae Boswell

Gambrills, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Shevika Andrea Couchman

New Carrollton, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Danielle Nicole Franklin

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

B.S. — Towson University

Je'nee T. Hawkins

Temple Hills, Maryland

B.S. — Towson University

Adrienne Elita Johnson

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

B.S. — Delaware State University

Ashlee S. Lindsay

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

B.S. — Bowie State University

Brittany Derecia Terry

Laurel, Maryland

B.S. — Morgan State University

Catherine Nicole Walfall

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

B.S. — Frostburg State University

**MASTER OF EDUCATION
IN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
AND SUPERVISION****Candice Lynnette Blegen**

Hyattsville, Maryland

B.S. — Frostburg State University

**MASTER OF EDUCATION
IN SCHOOL COUNSELING****Lana C. Collier**

Waldorf, Maryland

B.S. — Southern Christian University

Alexandra Dennette Delgado

Annapolis, Maryland

B.S. — Marymount University

Chyvante E. Floyd

Dover, Delaware

B.S. — Delaware State University

Alyssa McKeon Keating

Laurel, Maryland

B.S. — Salisbury University

Kevin Anthony Myrie

Owings Mills, Maryland

B.S. — Morgan State University

Julia Michelle Remer

Beltsville, Maryland

B.S. — Salisbury University

Kiristin Elizabeth Tunstell

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

B.S. — University of Maryland

Phylicia Rae Young

Windsor Mills, Maryland

B.S. — Virginia State University

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Education

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

Aaron Deamdre Curry
Hyattsville, Maryland
B.S. — Trinity Washington University

Brittney J. DeNeal
Rockville, Maryland
B.S. — Temple University

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Alyssa Lauren Cochrane-Grannum
Springdale, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

William Thomas Fierstein
North Potomac, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

College of Professional Studies

MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Mohammed Khulaif Alanazi
Fairfax, Virginia
B.S. — University of the
District of Columbia

Buylul Alem
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Towson University

Nora Abdulaziz Alkuter
Fairfax, Virginia
B.A. — Princess Nourah Bint
Abdilahman University

Abdulmajeed Ayad Almutairi
Fairfax, Virginia
B.S. — International College

Joana Otemaah Amo
Lanham, Maryland
B.S. — Tennessee State University

Teneisha A. Brown
Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland

Willy Cheruiyot
Glen Burnie, Maryland
B.S. — Columbia Southern University

Jordan J. Crocket
Fort Washington, Maryland
B.S. — State University of New York

Mojisola Funmito Folorunso
Fulton, Maryland
B.S. — University of Ibadan

Jonathon Xavier Gambrell
Glen Burnie, Maryland
B.S. — Livingston College

Sha'Von Gibbs
Glen Burnie, Maryland
B.S. — Kutztown University

Christine Jody-Ann Gilchrist
Hyattsville, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Breanna Johnson
Hyattsville, Maryland
B.S. — Valdosta State University

Yasmeen L. Jordan
Parkville, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Monica Shana Kindle
Columbia, Maryland
B.S. — Missouri Western State College

Lorraine T. Kittrell
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Trayona Danielle McKeithan
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Donna F. Morgan
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Wazaino Luther Msimbwa
Washington, Maryland
B.S. — Trinity Washington University

Sylvester Theophilus Nettey
Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — Central University College

Omowunmi Juliet Omomo
Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — International College

Teah Afolabi Peters
Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — University of Lagos

Rochelle Alexis Ross
Lanham, Maryland
B.S. — Trinity Washington University

Hawa Banbe Toure
Silver Spring, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

College of Professional Studies

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Mispa A. Afueh

Upper Marlboro, Maryland
B. S. — Bowie State University

Gabriela Sidania Amaya

Waldorf, Maryland
B.S. — College of Southern Maryland

Yaa Kumia Appiah

Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Chamberlain College

Woinshet Bekele-Jembere

Woodstock, Maryland
B.S. — University of Victoria

Rasheeda Y. Blake

Washington, D.C.
B.S. — Mount Saint Mary College

Freda Boatend

Hanover, Maryland
B.S. — Pennsylvania State University

Nadege Yaleu Djeukui

Fort Washington, Maryland
B.S. — Chamberlain School of Nursing

Vida Adeline Adenike During

Springdale, Maryland
B.S. — Howard University

Wendy Marie Easterling

Arnold, Maryland
B.S. — University of Phoenix

Candice J. Fisher

Glen Burnie, Maryland
B.S. — Walden University

Mark Antyn Griffith

Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Elin Nicole Jacquette

Hyattsville, Maryland
B. S. — Georgia State University

Linell Jenkins

Owings Mills, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Asha Jinu

Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — Thasiah College

Cecelia Najay Kai

Abingdon, Maryland
B.S. — Washington Adventist University

Mijung Kim

Germantown, Maryland
B.S. — The Catholic University of Korea

Linus Kiptarus Kosgei

Mount Rainier, Maryland
B.S. — University of the
District of Columbia

Jacqueline Galvao Marx

Bethesda, Maryland
B.S. — Georgetown University

Mariah LaShae Mills

Pasadena, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Lauren Mon'T Moody

Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Howard University

Rosemary W. Mukira

Baltimore, Maryland
B.S. — Notre Dame of Maryland University

Eronmwon Yvonne Okonjo

Greenbelt, Maryland
B.S. — University of Baltimore

Nihinlola Deborah Olaigbe

Lanham, Maryland
B.S. — Fairfield University

Fausat Funmilayo Olayiwola

Bowie, Maryland
B.S. — Hampton University

Gloria Uchenna Onejeme

Randallstown, Maryland
B.S. — Notre Dame of Maryland University

Clarisa Dana Quarles-Diallo

Fort Washington, Maryland
B.S. — University of Maryland

Barbara Denise Reid

Severn, Maryland
B.S. — Notre Dame of Maryland University

Sharon Rosemond

Silver Spring, Maryland
B.S. — Bowie State University

Carlett Doreen Teru

Glen Burnie, Maryland
B.S. — Coppin State University

Tiffaney Nicole White

Laurel, Maryland
B.S. — State College of Florida

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

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ACADEMIC COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

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

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 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 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 costume 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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University History

Bowie State University is an outgrowth of a school opened in Baltimore, Maryland, by an organization dedicated to offering educational opportunities that the state failed to provide for its black citizens. From those humble beginnings, Bowie State has become a comprehensive university with more than 6,200 diverse students, offering 23 undergraduate majors and 35 master's, doctoral and advanced certification programs in a broad range of disciplines. Bowie State University continues to build on its legacy of providing access to 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 January 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 as State Normal School No. 3, finally fulfilling the dream of Cushing and the Baltimore Association. By 1910, the state decided to relocate the school to Bowie, Maryland, purchasing a 187-acre tract formerly known as Jericho Farm dating to 1716. The school opened at the new location in 1911 with about 60 students and Don Speed Smith Goodloe as the first black man to head the school as 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 (1951) and secondary education (1961) and advanced 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 to earn a doctoral degree from the University of Maryland, College Park.

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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 (STEM) disciplines. In 1995, Bowie State won an 11-year, \$27 million award from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration/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.

Money.com ranks Bowie State #3 among public historically Black colleges and universities ranked as best-value schools, and U.S. News & World Report continues to rank Bowie State among the top 30 historically black colleges and universities. 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.



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University Highlights

LEADING BOWIE STATE INTO THE FUTURE

Bowie State University empowers more than 6,200 students with a rigorous curriculum and the support they need to find their strengths and prepare to compete in a changing world. The university has made great strides on the path to becoming one of the nation's best comprehensive universities, with expanding academic initiatives and new modern facilities that provide opportunities for innovative teaching, learning and research.

KEY HONORS

- *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Bowie State in the top 30 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), and Money.com lists Bowie State among the nation's best value colleges and universities.
- 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.
- The College of Education has maintained continuous accreditation of its professional teacher programs by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) since 1954. The college has also received national recognition for the quality of its partnerships with local schools that place student interns.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

- Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community is set to open in fall 2021 as a hub of innovation and home to 500+ students, designed to nurture their passion to start a business.
- The Center for Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Nursing includes research and instructional laboratories, flexible classrooms, a nursing simulation wing and a fully enclosed greenhouse.
- The Fine and Performing Arts Center has the distinction of being an All-Steinway facility, featuring only the prestigious 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 that honor for a student center.

FIRST-CLASS TEACHING & RESEARCH

- Undergraduate natural sciences students who choose a research track work with faculty mentors to find breakthroughs in health and medicine.
- By partnering with local school districts, the College of Education has launched initiatives to prepare more students to become certified educators.
- The Bowie Business Innovation Center, a partnership with the city of Bowie, is Maryland's only business incubator at an HBCU. Students interested in starting a business can enroll in the new entrepreneurship and small business management program and get support from the Entrepreneurship Academy.



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