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BSU News Briefs

Bowie Pride Day

On April 8th, Bowie State celebrated **Bowie Pride Day** where faculty, staff, and administration enjoyed activities, were rewarded for their accomplishments and shared their points of pride.

Relay for Life

Bowie State kicked off the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" on April 21st with a "Hats for Hope" Tea and hat fashion show. The **Relay for Life** walk-a-thon will take place on **May 13th and 14th** at the track on the campus of Bowie State University. The fee is \$10/person. Proceeds for both events will benefit the American Cancer Society. For more information, contact (301) 860-3939.

2005-06 Student Government Association Officers

The Student Government Association elections took place on April 13, 2005. Following are the officers for the 2005-2006 academic year: **Jarrold Dockett**, President; **Dondrae McGee**, Vice President; **Cara Hairston**, Executive Member-at-Large; **Candace Wiley**, Student Activities Coordinator; **Shantelle Johnson**, Miss Bowie State University; **Quon Wilson** and **Stephanie Gantt**, Miss Bowie State University Court; **Christian Lymus**, Mr. Bowie State University; **Monica Bethea**, Miss Senior; **Charles Sullivan**, Junior Class President; **Cyle Sullivan**, Junior Class Vice President; **Glenda Crawford**, Miss Junior; **Claudia White**, Sophomore Class President; **Tamira Creek**, Sophomore Class Vice President; **Devin Tillman**, Mr. Sophomore.

Honda Campus All-Star Challenge

Bowie State University made it to the top 16 in the National Championship Tournament of the **Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC)**. Although defeated by Fayetteville State, this accomplishment was a first for Bowie State since participating in the Nationals. The Bowie State Honda All-Star Team included Terrence Daye, DeAngelo Rodgers, Christian Gant,

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Brandon Coleman and Chandra Anderson. The team's coaches were Dr. Sidney Walker and Dr. Shirelle Briscoe. The event was covered by BET Nightly News and USA Today where American Honda honored the 2005 Sweet 16 teams and the institutions they represented with a double-spread ad in the April 18th edition. Congratulations to our students for a job well done!

Junior Achievement

Ten students are participating in the Bowie State University **Junior Achievement Project** at Heather Hills Elementary School in Bowie, Maryland. According to Ms. Sheila Fishlowitz, Junior Achievement staff, the program is designed to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business, and economics to improve the quality of their lives. Junior Achievement uses hands-on experiences to help young people understand the economics of life.

People in the News

Earlier this year, our very own Mr. Bowie, **Ashanta McGee**, won 1st place runner-up along with a \$1,000 scholarship in the first Annual Mr. HBCU Kings competition held at Lincoln University, Missouri.

This following students have won the title of Miss Ebone (pronounced Ebony) for their local areas and will compete in the 2005 National Miss Ebone U.S. Pageant: **Lauren N. Grady**, Miss Senior won the title of Miss Ebone Delaware; **Velda Jackson** won the title of Miss Ebone Maryland; **Tameka J. Wilson**, currently Miss BSU and Miss NBCA, won the title of Miss Ebone Georgia.

Dr. Sambhu N. Banik, a visiting professor of Psychology and Counseling and a well known community activist from the Washington area, has been confirmed by the Maryland Senate's Executive Nominations Committee to serve as commissioner on the state's Human Relations Commission for a term of four years. Dr. Banik was nominated by Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich Jr.

Mr. Allen Gardner is the new Assistant Director of University Bands. A native of Washington, D.C., Mr. Gardner is an experienced educator and musician.

Dr. Ritchard M'Bayo of the Department of Communications has received a Fulbright award for the 2005-2006 academic year. The Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) has named him as one of the selected Fulbright Scholars to Lagos, Nigeria for the next academic year where he'll be teaching and conducting research.

Dr. Chuka Onwumechili, Professor and Chair of the Department of Communications, is a contributor to a 2005 book titled *Modernization, Democracy, and Islam* published by the Center

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for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). The book is one of several results of a study group that met in the summer of 2003 on the invitation of CSIS and funded by the Carnegie Corporation and the LUSO-American Foundation. Participants included U.S. ambassadors, UN representatives, and several international scholars. Dr. Onwumechili's contribution is titled *The Roots of Sub-Saharan Africa's Modernization and Democratization Dilemmas*.

Dr. Shelton Rhodes, Bowie State University's Chair of the Department of Management, Marketing, and Public Administration within the School of Business, was recently appointed to the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) University Outreach and Relations Committee. The purpose of the committee is to facilitate the association's collaboration with institutions of higher learning, for the betterment of the contract management profession.

Adding to her list of publications, **Dr. Renee H. Shea**, a professor in the Department of English and Modern Languages, completed her most recent book titled *Teaching Nonfiction in AP English: A Guide to Accompany 50 Essays, A portable Anthology*.

Dr. Eleanor Walker, Professor of Nursing and Special Assistant to the President, was selected as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women for 2005 by *The Daily Record*.

Professor Adolph Wright, Director of University Bands, is featured in a music video documentary about the sidemen that backed up legendary Hall of Fame rock-n-roll artists such as Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis and Little Richard. The film production began in Charlestown, West Virginia and was completed in four days in Cancun, Mexico.

Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund Awards

The **Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund** recognized the following individuals for outstanding achievements in their respective areas: **Ms. Maitland Dade**, Vice President for External Relations, for **Outstanding Achievement in Fundraising and Development**; **Ms. Deborrah Banks**, Director of University Relations and Marketing, for **Outstanding Performance in Public Relations and Marketing**; **Ms. Deborah Riley**, Assistant Director for Financial Aid, for **Outstanding Performance as a Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund Coordinator**; **Ms. Tameka J. Wilson**, 2004-2005 Miss Bowie and Miss NBCA, for **Outstanding Student Government Association President/Campus Queen**; **Dr. Mark Matties**, Professor of Computer Science, for **Leadership in Technology and Community Management**; **Ms. Veronica Pickett**, Director of Financial Aid, for **Outstanding Management and Performance in Financial Aid Management**; **Ms. Monie Broadus**, Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations, for **Outstanding Achievement in Alumni Relations**; **Ms. Dale**



O'Neal, Director of the Office of Career and Cooperative Education, for **Outstanding Performance as a Placement Coordinator**.

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