

Hello/Hola/Salut from the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies!

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**1) SPRING 2022 GRADUATES**



We congratulate our most recent slate of graduates:

Bachelor's Degree in English (BA or BS)

Kennady Ford  
Zion Jackson  
Breanna Thomas  
Tiana Williams  
Milton Gardner III  
Jessica McLain  
Aysia Moten  
Chisom Okeahilamagbara  
Sola O'Neal  
Marqui Williams  
Ceirra Dixon  
Marvin Romero

Master's Degree (MA)

Joe Sampugnaro

## 2) ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS



**Marqui Williams** completed a paid internship as a Copywriter with Mintz + Hoke, a marketing company based in Avon, Connecticut.

**Ceirra Dixon** accepted a job offer to teach English at Bowie High School, in Bowie, Maryland.



**Chisom Okeahilamagbara** accepted a job offer to be a Resident Teacher at Friendship Ideal Academy in Washington, DC.

**Mahuwena Goito** accepted a job offer to be a 5th grade English Language Arts Teacher at Dora Kennedy French Immersion School in Greenbelt, Maryland.

**Marvin Romero** accepted an offer from Peace Corps to volunteer in Ecuador for two years with a living stipend while working on local projects to promote peace and equitable access to education.

## 3) FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Professor Chris Murray** was the recipient of the 2022 National Association of Black Journalists Salute to Excellence for Sports Writing during the NABJ-NAHJ Convention in Las Vegas (Aug.3-7).

The winning story, "Too Much Magic: While the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games might have its share of Black Girl Magic, it's also got a level of Black Girl Scrutinization," appeared in the

July 8 edition of the *Philadelphia Sunday Sun* newspaper. The story focused on the controversies involving Black women athletes in track and field and swimming prior to last summer's Tokyo Olympics.

#### 4) ENGL 326: LITERATURE OF THE CARIBBEAN

There is still time to sign up for this exciting course that studies the literature and culture of the Caribbean.

**ENGL 326**  
**Literature of the Caribbean**  
**Fall 2022**  
MWF 11-11:50am  
(Fridays on Zoom)


- writers' diverse perspectives
- literary use of vernacular
- major literary genres
- dub poetry, documentaries, Caribbean music

Assignments include a music playlist and a publishable article.

Dr. Evelyn  
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#### 5) PEACE CORPS INFORMATION SESSION: SEPTEMBER 20



**INFORMATION SESSION**

Make the Most of Your World.

Serving in the Peace Corps is a great way to immerse yourself in a new culture, learn a new language, and have the experience of a lifetime.

Join us at this information session to:

- Learn about Volunteer experiences
- Ask questions about service
- Gain tips to guide you through the application process.



Library 085, 11:00-11:30 AM

The U.S. Peace Corps sends hundreds of volunteers around the world each year to promote peace and democratic values. Founded by an Executive Order issued by President Kennedy, Peace Corps has made the world a better place through the work of hundreds of thousands of volunteers over the years.

Volunteers are provided with a stipend and assigned a project to work on in their community after extensive training. Peace Corps Volunteers receive preferential treatment when applying for federal jobs.

## 6 ENGLISH MAJORS MEETING: OCTOBER 10



Join us on Monday, October 10, at 10:00 am in MLK 253 for a chance to meet your fellow English majors and learn more about the program. Breakfast will be served.

## 7) JOB OPPORTUNITY: LITERACY LAB TUTOR



[The Literacy Lab](#) is a non-profit that places full-time tutors in historically underserved schools to provide individualized reading instruction to students in pre-k through 3rd grade. Our AmeriCorps tutors spend 10 months doing paid tutoring while receiving robust and ongoing professional development. Previous experience in education is not required because all tutors receive on-the-job training. We are hiring tutors to serve in the DC-Metro region, Central Virginia, Baltimore, MD, Kansas City, MO, and Springfield, MA.

Summary of AmeriCorps Tutor Benefits:

- A modest living allowance (MO/VA \$1,600, MA/MD \$1,800, DC \$1,900)
- Segal Education Award upon completion of service (approx. \$4,200)
- Federal student loan forbearance
- Health Insurance
- Access to SNAP benefits, child care, and Employee Assistance Programs
- Professional development, mentorship, and leadership opportunities
- Access to nationwide Literacy Lab and AmeriCorps alumni networks

[Apply here](#)

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## 8) INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: VIRTUAL SOCIAL MEDIA INTERN

Position: Virtual Social Media Intern

Organization: The Storybook Maze Project is a literacy community outreach that is eliminating book deserts in Baltimore County by installing free public book vending machines so that Baltimore's youth can have access to free reading books.

Duration: The internship will be for one semester for 15 hours per week.

Location: The position is mainly virtual. All major job responsibilities and assignments can be completed

virtually. Interns attending occasional on-site events in the Baltimore/DC area is encouraged but not

required. In addition, regular virtual meetings (as designated and scheduled by the Executive Director) will

be required to report any updates on projects, assignments, and tasks.

Duties:

- Assist with online outreach and promotion by creating content for Instagram and Facebook postings
- Create and draft automatic replies
- Create Instagram and Facebook posts using Canva designs
- Create presentations using Canva
- Upkeep and maintain online book wishlist
- Create Blog and website postings
- Monitor blogs and websites
- Be familiar with Pinterest, Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn
- Write scripts for video postings
- Draft storyboard video campaigns
- Stay updated on social media trends
- Perform keyword analysis
- Other duties as assigned
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Please send a cover letter and your resume to [Storybookmazemail@gmail.com](mailto:Storybookmazemail@gmail.com).

## 9) DRIFTERS EMERGENCY STUDENT GRANT

The Drifters Emergency Student Grant is a \$10,000 grant awarded annually to degree-conferring institutions whose student enrollment is primarily comprised of students from underrepresented backgrounds. These grants have been given to numerous colleges and universities to help students to continue their studies. BSU was awarded the grant at The National Drifters, Inc. 63rd national Convention in August 2019. As a result, Juniors/Seniors in the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies experiencing an emergency need for tuition assistance, housing assistance, course materials, meal planning, or transportation assistance are eligible to apply. Please Contact Professor Lane ([alane@bowiestate.edu](mailto:alane@bowiestate.edu)) or Dr. Basena ([dbasena@bowiestate.edu](mailto:dbasena@bowiestate.edu)) for an application form.

## 10) SIGMA TAU DELTA



Sigma Tau Delta welcomes new members.

### Membership Requirements:

- Candidates for undergraduate membership must have completed a minimum of two college courses in English language or literature beyond the usual requirements in freshman English. The candidate must have a minimum of a B or equivalent average in English and in general scholarship and must have completed at least three semesters or five quarters of college course work. Candidates for undergraduate membership need not be majoring or minoring in the discipline of English.

- Candidates for graduate membership who did not hold undergraduate membership must be enrolled in a graduate program in English or one of its specializations, have completed six semester hours of graduate work or the equivalent, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.

- Lifetime Membership Fee: \$80. \$40 goes to the Nu Nu chapter, which will bestow you with Honor Cords and a Medallion at your Induction Ceremony that you can wear during graduation. The other \$40 goes to Sigma Tau Delta's national office, which will supply you with your Sigma Tau Delta society pin and certificate. **LLCS can help pay for your membership fees.**

To learn more about Membership Benefits, please click here: <http://english.org/members/benefits.shtml>

If you are interested in becoming a member, please e-mail [hsierra@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hsierra@bowiestate.edu)

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