

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

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1) GOLDEN AINA PASSES MA THESIS DEFENSE



Congratulations are in order for **Golden Aina**, who successfully defended his MA Thesis, “The Synecdochic Judgement: An Intertextual Analysis of Richard Wright's *Native Son* and William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*,” last week.

2) WRITING CENTER PRESENTS AT MID-ATLANTIC WRITING CENTER ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE



Last weekend, a group of Bowie State Writing Center consultants presented their research at the Mid-Atlantic Writing Center Association Conference in Easton, Pennsylvania. Their presentation, "Appropriate or Nah? Code-meshing in Practice at an HBCU," was well-received. They are pictured above with keynote speaker Dr. Lori Salem.

3) WRITING CONSULTANT OF THE WEEK: KRYSTAL DANIEL



Upon first meeting senior Creative Writing major, **Krystal Daniel**, the first thing you notice is her warm and welcoming smile. Krystal has been working at the Writing Center for almost three years. Since she started in October 2016, she has enjoyed working with writers and her fellow consultants. Krystal claims that “there is no better feeling than a student coming back and saying ‘Hey, you helped me get an A.’ It lets you know you’re doing a good job.”

Krystal’s favorite thing about her job is the family-feel environment of the writing center. During sessions, she likes to talk out loud about the essay with the writer: “A lot of people like to brainstorm by discussing their thoughts out loud. I listen to what they say and write it down and before they know it they have created a scholarly sentence.”

Krystal, like many other students, likes to listen to music while she is writing, “I have a whole playlist. It’s called Motivation. My favorite writing songs, though, are Middle Child and Dollar & a Dream 3.”

Krystal’s hobbies include watching (yes, watching) podcasts, and writing songs. When asked what she would like writers who would make an appointment with her to know she responded, “That I’m also a student. I understand the pressure of life and studies. I’m good at working through the chaos that is a student’s mind and I can help organize that.”

Krystal’s best piece of advice for writers is to “Write passionately. Write unapologetically.”

-By **Dr. Beatrice Amoateng**

4) RESEARCH AND WRITING STUDIO – APRIL 4

THE WRITING CENTER AND THE LIBRARY PRESENT

THE RESEARCH AND WRITING STUDIO

Everything you need to get the job done:

- COMPUTERS
- REFERENCE LIBRARIAN
- WRITING CONSULTANTS
- SNACKS

MARCH 7
APRIL 4
MAY 2

6PM-9PM
MLK 204

The Writing Center and the Thurgood Marshall Library are pleased to host the next Research and Writing Studio of the semester in MK 204 on April 4. Come and work on your current research or writing project. We've got everything you need to get the job done: a quiet place, computers, and snacks. Best of all, a reference librarian and two writing consultants will be available to answer any questions that come up as you work.

5) SIGMA TAU DELTA INDUCTION CEREMONY – APRIL 11

SIGMA TAU DELTA
INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

Sigma Tau Delta will welcome the following new members at its annual Induction Ceremony, will be held April 11 at 5:30 pm in MLK 253: **Zaire James, Alvin Deskins, and Alexandra Omogbadegun**. All are welcome to join the celebration. There is one more week left to join before this year's Induction Ceremony.

Membership Requirements:

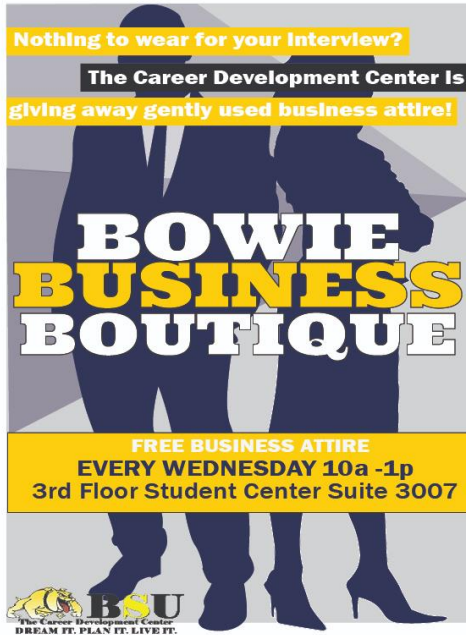
- Candidates for undergraduate membership must have completed a minimum of two college courses in English language or literature beyond the usual requirements in freshman English. The candidate must have a minimum of a B or equivalent average in English and in general scholarship and must have completed 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. \$45 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 \$35 goes to Sigma Tau Delta's national office, which will supply you with your Sigma Tau Delta society pin and certificate. The fee must be paid in cash.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please e-mail hsierra@bowiestate.edu

6) BOWIE BUSINESS BOUTIQUE – WEDNESDAYS



If you have a job or internship interview, but don't have professional clothing on hand, stop by the Bowie Business Boutique on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 1:00 and receive business attire for free! The boutique always welcomes donations.

7) NEW SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BSU STUDENTS

The following website lists dozens of scholarships that are available for BSU students, two of which, Dorothy Sizemore Smith Fund and Harris Gaskins Need Endowed Fund, are specifically designed for students majoring in the Department of Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies: <https://bowiestate.academicworks.com/>

8) WRITING CENTER SERVICES AND HOURS

Bowie State's Writing Center provides a safe space where students can grow as writers. Our student tutors are willing and able to help at any stage of the writing process. Here at the Writing Center, we value collaborative learning and will offer a sounding board for writers to bounce their ideas off of. Along with one-on-one sessions, we conduct workshops where writers can sharpen their craft in particular areas of writing! We are located in MLK 204, and we're open Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm and Friday 8:30 am -3:30 pm. We hope to see you soon!

Newsletters are archived on the following page for easy reference:

<https://www.bowiestate.edu/academics-research/colleges/college-arts-sciences/departments/english-and-modern-languages/newsletter-2/>

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