

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

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### 1) FALL 2021 GRADUATION



Congratulations are in order for **Tilar Roberts**, who graduated with her English BA (Language & Literature) during BSU's December 2021 Commencement Ceremony!

### 2) ALUMNI UPDATE



**Kassiah Drummond** graduated with an English BA (Creative Writing) in 2020. Since graduating, she was selected as a Martha's Vineyard Poets of Color Fellow and received a Teaching Assistantship at the University of Maryland College Park for her MFA program. This semester she is teaching ENGL 125: Why Poetry Matters as well as an ENGL 101 course. Kassiah also serves as a tutor to local elementary, middle, and high school students.

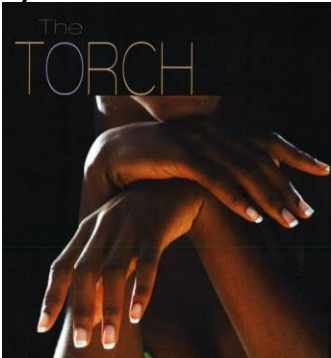
### 3) ARABA MAZE BALTIMORE LIBRARY PROJECT



## ARABA MAZE FUND

**Araba Maze**, who graduated in 2011 with an English BA from BSU, was awarded a \$20,000 United Way Change Maker Grant to build satellite book nooks to bring books to underprivileged children living in “book deserts” throughout Baltimore. Araba is looking for volunteers, financial donors, and suggestions as to where to place her mini-libraries. You can donate to the Araba Maze Fund via United Way: <https://unitedtoact.org/unitedwaycentralmd/araba-maze-fund>

## 4) TORCH PUBLICATION



*The Torch*, BSU’s creative writing journal, just published its most recent issue. You can access it here: <https://bowiestate.edu/academics/colleges/college-of-arts-and-sciences/departments/language-literature-and-cultural-studies/the-torch.php>

*The Torch* is the official literary magazine of the University. Published by the Creative Writing Program in the Department of Language, Literature & Cultural Studies, *The Torch* is designed to encourage creative expression and scholarly articles by students, staff, and faculty.

Current students and alumni are encouraged to submit literary and scholarly works as well as artwork. Submissions may be in languages other than English. The journal is edited by students with the guidance of a faculty advisor. Faculty and staff may also submit to the journal.

## 5) ARENA STAGE FELLOWSHIP



The Allen Lee Hughes BIPOC Fellowship Program is restarting after the pandemic for the 2022/23 season and reclaiming its roots as a professional training program for individuals who self-identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color).

The goal of Arena Stage's fellowship program is to cultivate the next generation of BIPOC theater professionals by providing the highest standard of training through immersion in the art and business of producing theater. Successful candidates are highly motivated individuals who are interested in pursuing a career in the arts.

The program offers personalized training and in-depth, hands-on experience with top-tier professionals in artistic and technical production, arts administration, arts education, and community outreach. Additionally, all fellows receive: Personalized training and in-depth, hands-on experience with top-tier professionals in artistic and technical production, arts administration, arts education, and community outreach

Fellowship dates are September 6, 2022, to May 2023 and include:

- \$600 weekly stipend
- Comprehensive mentorship and career readiness opportunities
- Eligible for 10 paid holidays and 2 weeks paid leave
- Average 40-hour work week, with comp time for additional hours

Click here for more information: <https://www.arenastage.org/education/fellowship/>

## **6) 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. Bowie State University 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) or Dr. Basena (dbasena@bowiestate.edu) for an application form.

## 7) 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.

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

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