

Bowie Metropolitan  
Alumni Chapter

# Fall 2018 Newsletter



*It's a BSU family reunion that is heartwarming and sentimental. We're already looking forward to next year. Can't wait.*

*Bowie State University*

# Welcome

Welcome to BMAC's Fall 2018 Edition Newsletter. It's been a fabulous fall for BMAC and I'm certain you'll read something in this issue that you'll enjoy.



This fall BMAC has been busier than ever with various activities. We kicked off the season with our 4th Annual BSU Bike Tour followed by BSU's wonderful homecoming festivities. We also awarded two scholarships to BSU students for the 2018 Fall Semester and we closed the fall season with our annual holiday celebration.

We have more plans to continue this fabulous journey. Currently, in our pipeline is CLAA, March Madness, a bus trip to NYC, and more! Plus, BMAC will have a presence at key BSU events to support our alma mater. You're welcome to join us in all the fun.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to renew your membership and pay your dues for this fiscal year, if you haven't already done so. You can pay online by going to our website BMAC - Bowie Metropolitan Alumni Chapter and click on Renew Membership. It's easy and fast. The amount for your annual membership dues is \$50 of which \$35 is designated for your BSUNAA dues, and \$15 is for your BMAC dues. By simply paying your dues, you're providing important support to BMAC and you're contributing to our success. So, please renew today.

You can also stay informed about BMAC by visiting our website and Facebook page. Our meeting notices are always published there, plus you might even see a photo of yourself or someone from BSU that you haven't seen in a while.

In closing, I'd like to acknowledge the BMAC Newsletter team. They work very hard to share information with our members about the exciting BMAC happenings. Please join me in applauding them for their support and commitment to our chapter - David Weeks, Brenda Williams, Dr. Shirelle Briscoe, Col. Eddie DeShields, Jr., and yours truly.

... O Bowie State, dear Bowie State ...

Sincerely,  
Cindy Jackson  
President, BMAC



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## BSU Bike Tour 4 Expansion and Growth



BSU Bike Tour 4 occurred on Saturday, September 8, 2018 and it was another big success. Each year the bike tour expands and advances to another level. This year's bike tour did not disappoint. We made new friends like Walter Kirkland, who invited us to promote the bike tour on WYCB, 1340 AM. BSU's President, Dr. Aminta Breaux, rode in the tour again this year and debuted a new Bowie State University cycling jersey. We were pleasantly surprised to have very special guests ride in the tour this year - the proud parents of Richard Collins, III. It was an amazing bike tour.

The weather presented a challenge, but it turned out to be ideal conditions for cycling and we didn't see rain until the end of the tour. We believe the Lord held back the rain for the tour.

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The BSU Bike Tour is a model example of teamwork and partnerships amongst BSU administration, faculty, staff, students, alumni, family, friends, and community cycling clubs - Getting it in Cycling (GII) and Phase Cycling. Because of the participation and support from all these entities, the BSU Bike Tour is a huge success. A very special thank you to each of them.

There were numerous sponsors and donors for the 4th Annual BSU Bike Tour and they are truly appreciated for their commitment and contributions. A very special thank you to Bowie State University, BSUNAA, Pearl Elegance Foundation Inc, Stewart Financial Services, Col. Edward DeShields, Jr., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Prince George’s County Alumni Chapter, ABM, Giant, Wegmans, BSU Graduate Class - HRD Project Management, Bike Doctor Waldorf, and RoadID.



This year Patrons were added to the tour. Thank you to each of them for their contribution – Kevin Alston, II, John Ball, James Brandon, William Campbell, Shawn Estelle, Jorie Henry-Wimbush, Patricia Hughes, Cynthia R. Jackson, Anthony Jefferson, Edith Magruder, Jacqueline W. McGlen, Ricardo Mitchell, Callie Mosley, Monica Palmer, Maxine Rush, Robert Strothers, Frederick Taylor, Rodney Washington, George Wiggans, Pinkies Art, BSUAA Montgomery County Chapter, 1998 Bachelor’s Graduates 20-Year Celebration – Nicole Wall, Adrion Burton, Diago Stinson, Keith Beckett, Stephanie Thompson.



Planning is already underway for the 5th Annual BSU Bike Tour which will occur next year on Saturday, September 14. Mark your calendars to participate in what we predict will be a memorable and exciting year for the BSU Bike tour. Don’t miss it!



## BSU HOMECOMING 2018



Where do I begin? BSU's 2018 Homecoming was tremendous, glorious, and blessed and BMAC participated in the festivities. For starters, BMAC was blessed at the 30th Annual BSUNAA Scholarship Gala where two BMAC members were honored with Volunteerism Awards.



*Congratulations to Dr. Petrina Shatteen and Samuel White for receiving those distinguished awards.*

Another BMAC member, Calvin Hawkins, was also honored with the distinguished Legacy Award.



*Congratulations to Calvin for his outstanding service to our community.*

Numerous BMAC members were also acknowledged with a Silver Service Award for a decade of service to BSUNAA. Congratulations to Cynthia Jackson, Eric Mills, Dr. Shirelle Briscoe, Col. Edward DeShields, Jr., Sam White, and Ret Col. Robert Myles, Jr.



What a night for BMAC! It was a beautiful event Everyone was dressed in their best and celebrated the accomplishments of esteemed BSU Alumni. And, of course, we had the best entertainment, the Earth, Wind, and Fire Tribute Band. They helped us celebrate and dance all night.



The next day was the big game – Bowie State University vs. Virginia State University. It was an exciting game from start to finish with BSU's Symphony of Soul Marching Band, Cheerleaders, ROTC, Bulldog Mascots, and of course the mighty Bulldogs!



Each quarter was a battle between the Bulldogs and the Trojans. The Bulldogs played hard with determination and grit and won the game 20 – 15. Way to go Bulldogs! Always winners. Many BMAC members attended the game to cheer our bulldogs to victory.

Following the game, it was nothing but love, fellowship, and joy as BSU Alumni migrated to “the yard” to celebrate and reminisce with BSU family and friends, sisters and brothers, spreading love, hugs, and smiles.

## MEMBER *Spotlight*



Brenda C. Williams was born and raised in Washington DC. She is the third of seven siblings. After graduating from Calvin Coolidge High School in 1971, she

entered Bowie State College to pursue a degree in Business Administration. She was a Cooperative Education (Co-Op) Student while attending Bowie, receiving practical work experience at the National Institutes of Health. She also served as a Residence Assistant during her Junior and Senior years at Bowie State.

Brenda pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in 1974; proudly wearing the pink and green, served as the Chapter's Treasurer the following year. Upon completion of graduation in 1976, Brenda began her professional career as an accountant at the National Institutes of Health, where she had served as a Co-Op student. In November of the same year, she married her college sweetheart, Larry "Rock" Williams. They have been blessed with two wonderful sons, Larry and Frank.

Both sons attended Bowie State as well. Brenda served in various positions as

Cost Accountant, Operating Accountant, Systems Accountant, Management Analyst and Program Analyst for 35 years, for several Federal Government Agencies, including, The Department of the Army, The Department of Commerce, The Department of Health and Human Services and The National Archives and Records Administration.

After retiring from Federal Service, Brenda began attending more BSU events; joined BMAC and became a Lifetime member of BSUNAA. She serves on BMAC's Membership and represents BMAC on the BSUNAA Membership Committee. She has also served on BMAC's Bike Tour Committee for the past four years.



Brenda is very thankful to enjoy this wonderful phase of life assisting love ones, working for her beloved Church, travel planning and floral designing. She also cherish time spent with family, Church family, BSU family and friends.

Favorite pastime includes gardening, making gift baskets & floral arrangements, traveling, reading, listening to music, taking walks in the park with her little dog "shorty" and dancing every chance she gets.



## SCHOLARSHIP

### *Recipients*

The BMAC Scholarship Committee has selected Mr. Cobi Heron as BMAC’s Scholarship Award Recipient. BMAC is pleased to support Mr. Heron and to help him achieve his dreams. Congratulations!

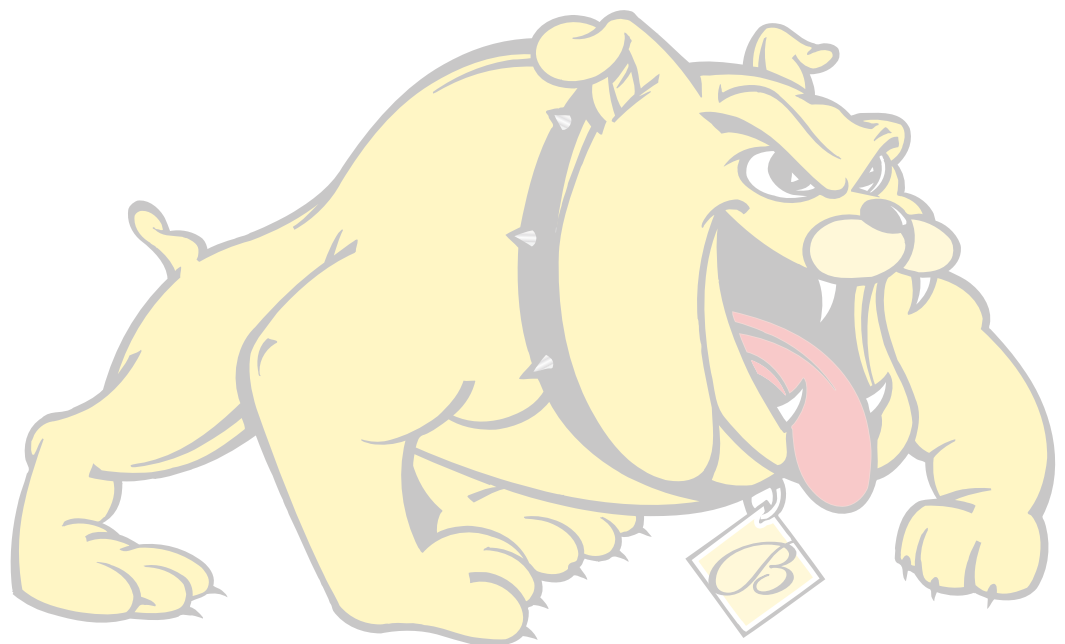
**Mr. Cobi Heron**

*BMAC Academic Scholarship award recipient*



Cobi Heron, born on July 08, 1994, in Los Angeles, California to a single mother of four children. Cobi was raised in Ontario, California in a Jamaican household. He attended Chaffey High School also located in Ontario, California, which is where he had an advisor who recommended him to an extra-curricular program called “College Bound”. “College Bound” introduced him to Bowie State University.

Mr. Heron is currently a junior Dual Degree - Mathematics and Engineering major at Bowie State University. He aspires to acquire a Master of Electrical Engineering, as well as a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering. Cobi has a diverse academic background and has utilized his knowledge, skills, and abilities in the USA and abroad. He engaged in full time study at Heilongjiang University in China, provided missionary service in Accra, Ghana and supported many civic endeavors to help others. Cobi is a dynamic student and is often providing mentoring and tutorial services to his classmates. The students, staff, faculty and administration are proud of his accomplishments.



# WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS



## Aay Aay Aaaaay Bowie!

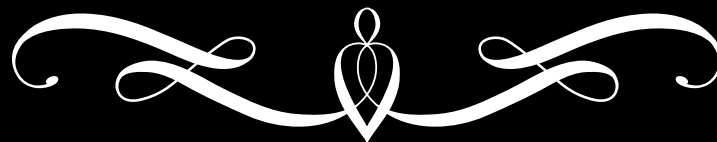
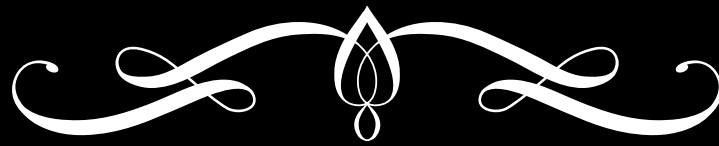
What a ride for the Bowie Bulldog football team this year. It has not only been a fun and record breaking year for our young men, but it has also been a great time for Bowie State University alumni to support the team and BMAC was there to cheer for them with pride. This historical football team has given the school and the alumni a reason to travel and rekindle friendships and acquaintances as we shared in the joy of watching our team achieve great successes.

This year has been full of firsts for the team. Our quarterback, Mr. Amir Hall, surpassed the all-time CIAA passing yards record, the team won their first CIAA football championship, the team had its first 10-win season, and this is the first year the Bulldogs have advanced past the first round of the National DIV II football playoffs.

The Bowie State University football team (10-2) played from their berth in the NCAA Division II Super Region 2 playoffs for the second consecutive season. The Bulldogs had a thrilling victory when they defeated West Alabama University in the first playoff round 41-35 the weekend of 17 November and advanced to the second round against an undefeated Valdosta State University on Saturday 24 November in Valdosta GA. Even though, they didn't win against Valdosta, this football season has been magical. The Bulldogs have done an amazing job and have forever given us fantastic memories that will last a lifetime. Gooooo Bulldogs!!!!



In Memory of  
*Second Lt. RICHARD COLLINS, III*



The Parents, Family and Friends of Richard Collins, III  
rode in the 4th Annual BSU Bike Tour in honor of their son's memory.