



**Bowie Metropolitan
Alumni Chapter**

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BMAC'S SIZZLIN' SUMMER

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Welcome

Welcome to the Summer Issue of the BMAC Newsletter.

Have you heard about BMAC?

BMAC is strong and thriving because of the hard work and dedication of its officers and members. BMAC has great people with big hearts who support the chapter, uplift our alma mater, and foster a sense of pride and unity amongst the alumni. When we all work together in one accord we achieve success. And that is exactly what BMAC is doing.

Have you met the BMAC Officers and Committee Members? They are:

- *President, Cindy Jackson*
- *Vice President, Sam White*
- *Treasurer, Eric Mills*
- *Correspondence Secretary, Shirelle Briscoe*
- *Webmaster, David Weeks*
- *Parliamentarian, George Neely*
- *Membership Chair and Co-chair, Eddie DeShields, Brenda Williams*
- *Fundraising Chair and Committee, Sam White, Denise Carter, Stacy Mitchell-Brown, David Weeks, Eric Mills, Eddie DeShields*
- *Scholarship Chair, Shirelle Briscoe*
- *Newsletter Committee, Cindy Jackson, Brenda Williams, David Weeks, Shirelle Briscoe*

Please join me in applauding this fabulous team who make BMAC GREAT!

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

Sincerely,

Cindy Jackson

President, BMAC



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BMAC'S SIZZLIN' SUMMER

BMAC is on fire with summertime fun. To kick-off the summer season, we had a cookout for our June meeting. It was perfect – good food, good fellowship and lots of laughter as we relaxed and enjoyed the beautiful day. The bus trip to Motown was smokin' hot. Check out the article and all the photos to learn more about it. Summertime is also the beginning of our fiscal year which means it's time to renew your membership dues. While you're enjoying your summer vacation, please remember BMAC is working hard to launch our membership renewal campaign. You can learn all about it in the membership article.

BMAC'S TRIP TO BROADWAY



Bowie Metropolitan Alumni Chapter (BMAC) sponsored an unforgettable bus trip to New York to see Motown the Musical on Saturday, June 28, 2014. If you missed this trip...

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"YOU TRULY MISSED IT" ...But not to worry, stay tuned for more exciting BMAC trips in the future.

A standing ovation goes out to the committee for planning such an awesome trip! The fun-filled day began with a continental breakfast. Onboard our comfortable First Priority Tour Bus, we were served additional snacks and tasty beverages. We were thoroughly entertained with the music of Motown; played several fun games; participated in raffles and watched movies.

Motown the Musical was quite a Broadway experience. It is based on

Berry Gordy's life story. Mr. Gordy, the founder of Motown was instrumental in launching the careers of many musicians, singers and songwriters. The show depicted how the "Motown Sound" reached out across a racially divided, politically and socially charged America to transform popular music. The show consisted of a live orchestra, superb dancing and over forty classic Motown songs. ***WE WERE DANCING IN OUR SEATS!!!***

After the Musical we boarded the bus and traveled to Harlem to dine at Amy Ruth's Restaurant. The meal (home-style southern cuisine) was

outstanding. We had a second treat at Amy Ruth's... The walls of our dining room were covered with pictures of many noteworthy African Americans from ***President Barack Obama to Frederick Douglas*** painted on the walls.

Our trip to Broadway was a **"HIT"** and we invite you to join us on our next adventure.

[Check out the photos from our trip on the last page.](#)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Eric Kinsley Mills hails from St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. Born on December 19th, he is the sixth of eight children and

was educated in the public schools of the Virgin Islands before matriculating as an undergraduate at Bowie State College in Bowie, Maryland.

While at Bowie State College, he majored in Accounting and was the President and Vice President of the Accounting Club, a member of the

Delta Mu Delta Honor Society, a member of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society and he served with distinction as a tutor in the Business Department.

In the fall of 1986, while studying as a senior in college, Eric joined the "Country Psi Ques" and crossed into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Epsilon Sigma Chapter. His line number was "SEVEN" and his line name is affectionately, "Blazer Man". After a successful tenure at Bowie State College, Eric graduated magna cum laude in 1987.

In 1989, Eric was certified as a CPA and worked for a small accounting firm for 2.5 years and then he provided professional services to a not-for-profit organization for about 12 years; after which, he started his own tax practice and he currently services 200 clients in addition to serving as the CFO for a

non-profit in Washington, DC.

Eric also is committed to GWCPA- The Greater Washington Society of CPAs, ASAE- American Society of Association Executives and NABA- National Association of Black Accountants.

When not counting money and reconciling financial books, Eric enjoys playing poker, basketball, working as the treasurer with his college alumni chapter, BMAC and providing dedicated volunteer hours to the community via his fraternity. He also loves and mentors his twenty-five nieces and nephews.

Eric K. Mills loves helping others and his motto on life is "Live each day as if it's your last and enjoy life to the fullest."



MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Bowie Metropolitan Alumni Chapter (BMAC) of Bowie State University National Alumni Association is seeking to increase our membership. The current annual membership period is underway and runs from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Most of the current BMAC members graduated from Bowie during the 70s and 80s with degrees that prepared us

for our professional careers. The years we spent at Bowie were extraordinary years. Wonderful lifelong friendships were developed, sisterhood and brotherhood were formed and many fell in love with their future husbands and wives.

Whether you recently received your degree from BSU and are just beginning your career; you are in the midst of a great career as a result of your degree from BSU; or you recently retired from a fabulous career thanks to your degree from BSU, we invite you to join BMAC

during this membership period to give back to our Alma Mater by providing institutional support through scholarships, programs and activities that enhance the overall image and direction of BSU.

The annual membership dues are \$50.00. *Of that, \$35.00 is allocated to the Bowie State University's National Alumni Association (BSUNAA) and \$15.00 to BMAC to provide financial support, annual programs, and scholarships.*

UPCOMING EVENT(S)

August 24 - Alumni Crab Feast

2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

\$65.00

1200 Kings Tree Drive, Bowie, MD

Call 301-860-4335 for Tickets

October 17 -

BSUNAA Scholarship Gala

7:00 p.m. - midnight

\$85

Martin's Crosswinds

Mail Payments to:

BSUNAA

P.O. Box 174

Bowie, MD 20719

Checks payable to: BSU Foundation

October 18 - HOMECOMING

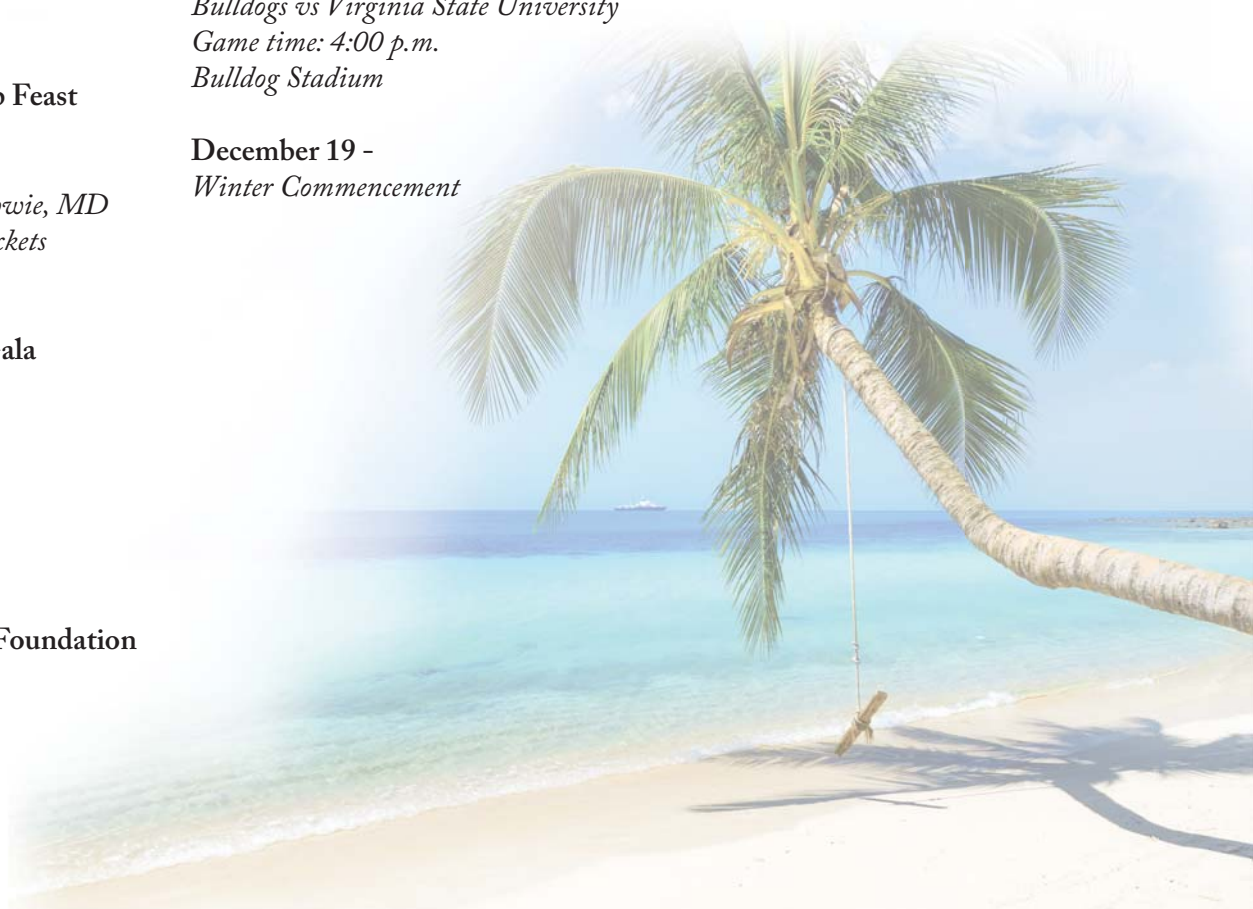
Bulldogs vs Virginia State University

Game time: 4:00 p.m.

Bulldog Stadium

December 19 -

Winter Commencement



MOTOWN PICTURES

