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1) STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



English Major **Kevin Lopez-Cruz** met Maryland Governor Wes Moore in January during a Maryland State Education Association Legislative Open House in Annapolis.

Kevin has been named as one of six new members of the Institute for Citizens & Scholars Youth Advisory Council. In his two-year term, he will help shape the programming and direction of the organization, and partake in other civic opportunities, including meeting with organizational leaders and presenting at designated conferences.

Over the Winter Break, Kevin was selected to be a [Humanities at Hertog Fellow](#). He joined the foundation's *Fear & Trembling* seminar to explore Søren Kierkegaard's thought in a rigorous, discussion-based academic setting.

2) JAMES PATTERSON SCHOLARSHIP

Best-selling author James Patterson has continued to support BSU's English Majors this year. We are excited to announce that the following students received the James Patterson Scholarship for the Spring 2026 semester:

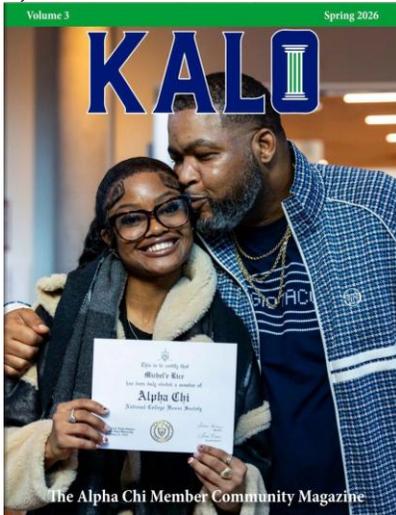
Kai Hall
Nyela Hendrix
Jessica Myles

3) JAPAN-U.S. FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION GRANT

Dr. Horacio Sierra received a \$10,000 grant from the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission (JUSFC) that will be used to explore the potential of BSU becoming the academic home of the JUSFC's Summer Institute. The Summer Institute takes a group of students on an all-expenses paid, two-week trip to Japan where they meet political, cultural, and economic leaders. To that end, the university will host two Japanese Culture Appreciation Days during the 2026-2027 school year to promote the Summer Institute as well as BSU's JAPN

courses.

4) ALPHA CHI



The Maryland Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society, which is sponsored by English professor **Angela Burrus**, is delighted to see that its member Michel'e Rice was featured on the cover of Alpha Chi's national magazine, *Kalo*.

You can learn more about Alpha Chi on their recently launched LinkedIn page:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/maryland-alpha-chapter-of-the-alpha-chi-national-honor-society-at-bowiestate-university/>

5) THE TORCH - CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

6) WRITING CENTER WORKSHOPS

Dr. Jason Rose will conduct the following Writing Center workshops in MLK 3402, the Resource Library. No registration is necessary. All workshops being at 3:00 PM and last around an hour, including Q&A.

"MLA Format and Documentation" on Wednesday March 18 and again on Thursday March 19

"APA Format and Documentation" on Wednesday April 1 and again on Thursday April 2

"Introduction to Research: Working with Sources" on Wednesday April 22 and again on Thursday April 23

6) SIGMA TAU DELTA



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INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

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.**

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To learn more about Membership Benefits, please click here: <https://english.org/join-us/membership-benefits/>