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“Leadership is the ability to see and communicate the vision, think critically, set priorities (goals and objectives), and value self and others.”
Mrs. Dorothy Holland, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs & Campus Life

The Office of Career, Cooperative Education & International Services

by Mrs. Dale O’Neal

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The Office of Career, Cooperative Education and International Services had four students to participate in the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Sales Training Program held in San Francisco, California, March 11th-14th. One of the four students was Mrs. Tamiya Fishel, a non-traditional student, who has served in the U.S. Military and is now pursuing a degree in business administration with a concentration in management. She is presently gaining work experience in her major through an internship at “It’s Your Hair Company” in Bowie, Maryland. Mrs. Fishel aspires to become an entrepreneur and own a

management consulting firm in the near future.

While on this trip to San Francisco, Mrs. Fishel was invited to interview with FOX Network to talk about the purpose of her visit to San Francisco. As a result of this interview, Mrs. Fishel was asked to apply for an internship at one of the FOX Network stations in the Washington, D.C. area where she will be working on their National Geographic Program.

Additionally, Mrs. Fishel is an honor student with a 3.75 GPA and has been invited to join Delta Mu Delta. She indicated that she is looking forward to becoming a member of this organization/honor society.

Being a mature student, Mrs. Fishel serves as a mentor to her younger peers and has gained the respect of many students and faculty. She plans to become more involved in student activities and organizations now that she is completing her second semester as a Bowie State University student.

The Office of Career, Cooperative Education and International Services is proud to present Mrs. Tamiya Fishel as our outstanding student leader.

“Leadership is the concomitant mix of encouraging others and a commitment to reaching a goal; leadership having the right character and character building.”

Dr. Artie Lee Travis
Vice President for Student Affairs and Campus Life

Health & Wellness Center: Latoya Cross by Mrs. Joan Oxendine

Latoya Sheresse Cross is from Waldorf, Maryland. She is a senior majoring in accounting. In the Student Health & Wellness Center she is a peer educator, the insurance counselor, and a member of the Student Health Advisory Board. She is treasurer of the National

Association of Black Accountants here at BSU.

Ms. Cross describes leadership as “the ability to inspire people and give them motivation to achieve their goals; to go above and beyond and to know when to follow and when to lead.” Ms. Cross is a great asset to the

Student Health & Wellness Center. She is dependable and has great ideas. She is motivated and offers assistance wherever she can. She has assisted with special grant projects by participating in preparation for projects and attending events.

“Leadership must be based on goodwill. Goodwill does not mean posturing and, least of all, pandering to the mob. It means obvious and wholehearted commitment to helping followers. We are tired of leaders we fear, tired of leaders we love, and tired of leaders who let us take liberties with them. What we need for leaders are men [and women] of the heart who are so helpful that they, in effect, do away with the need of their jobs. But leaders like that are never out of a job, never out of followers. Strange as it sounds, great leaders gain authority by giving it away.”

Admiral James B. Stockdale



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“I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.”

Booker T. Washington
(1856-1915)

Campus Safety: Durrell York by Chief Earnest Watiers

Durrell York is from Baltimore Maryland. He is a graduating senior here at Bowie State University, will receive a bachelor of Science degree in Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice.

When asked to describe leadership, he immediately mentioned sports. He says that all of his life, he has been affiliated with school sports. Growing up he could not see how similar they both could be. As he approached his later college years, he realized that these two different aspects of his life had a positive correlation to one another. He has been playing

football at Bowie State University for the full four years of college and realizes that as he excelled in the classroom, he also excelled on the field. In doing so, he started to realize that all eyes were on him on the field and in the classroom. He believes that, by excelling in both areas, he became a leader because people tend to follow greatness. Eventually, he became a team captain on the field and a group leader in most of his group work projects in various classes. Immediately, he realized that when taking on the leadership role, one has certain responsibilities that others may

not be prepared to assume. His experience has taught him that leaders have to serve their followers, putting their best interest first at all times even when the group cannot see the big picture. Leaders acquire the vision that others may not immediately grasp; it takes a leader to turn a vision into reality. A leader also gives praise to associates when the outcome of the vision is successful. On the other hand, when a plan is carried out and it is not successful or fails, it’s a leader’s role to assume responsibility for the failure as well.

The Office of Student Life: Brittney Brooks by Mrs. Monica Tetteh

Ms. Brittney Brooks is from Clinton, Maryland. I first met Brittney in the summer of 2006 as a New Student Orientation Student Ambassador. She was full of energy, spunk and life! It was her energy that made her group of students feel very welcomed to Bowie State. Brittney, a communications—public relations major is very involved on campus. Her

energy is best utilized when she is cheering for one of our athletic teams at a basketball or football game as a BSU Cheerleader. She is proud member of the Student Government Association, holds the position of task manager, and is on the very active Campus Activity Board. She is also known as always cheery Ms. Haley Hall (Residence Hall Queen). In addition, she is

currently on the Dean’s List. Brittney’s leadership style is very creative and different, as she would state, “Because I try to incorporate all types of styles and I try to have fun with it!” I think we can all learn a lot from Ms. Brooks and just have fun with it!

Editors Choice: Lauren Hill by Katrina Briggs

It is with great pleasure that I recognize Ms. Lauren Hill as the editor’s choice for this edition of Spotlight on Student Leaders. Ms. Hill is a graduating music technology senior from the District of Columbia. Ms. Hill is the captain of Bowie State University’s Honda Campus All Star Challenge team, which she explains is an academic bowl.

In preparing for the April 12th National tournament, she along with her team, practiced at least four times a week on campus. Lauren admits that being a member of the Honda team is both physically and mentally challenging, however, she credits her mother for being her number one supporter, which gives her the motivation to continue. Ms. Hill defines

leadership as the ability to do different things and not to copy someone else’s ideas. She further explains that leaders make new strides and also have the ability to step in whenever necessary to fulfill a job. Upon graduation, Lauren plans to give back to the community by working with children while also pursuing her passion for music.

The Office Of Residence Life: Shannon Reed by Jamishia Smith

Shannon Reed, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, whose major is sociology, is currently a senior at Bowie State University, a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and resident assistant for Towers Hall.

Ms. Reed describes leadership as being able to put all personal things aside to commit to the overall mission of the group. Being an effective leader is having dedication and having the ability to be humble, while having a keen sense of what is to be accomplished. Leaders are role models for others to look up to and pattern their footsteps.

A leader is admired, respected and called upon to get the job done right. Leading is not an easy task, however, once you've effectively mastered the act of servant leadership, you can conquer the world!

As a resident assistant, Ms. Reed implemented several programs, such as "Do or Die," which she showed a documentary entitled "Intervention" that explicitly portrayed the harmful effects that drugs and alcohol can have on a person and their family. Ms. Reed expressed that this was important to her, because she plans to become a substance abuse counselor in

the future. Another program entitled "Trust and Believe" was a program that described "trust" as being an important characteristic in order to build relationships in life.

Ms. Reed is the vice president of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.- The Elite Epsilon Lambda Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., which prides itself on sisterhood, scholarship and service. To that end, Ms. Reed exemplifies leadership within the residence life community and campus wide.

"A man who stands for nothing will fall for anything."

Malcolm X

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ATOD: Dietrick Hart by Lanada Williams

Dietrick Hart is a guidance and counseling major from Forestville, MD. He is a member of the Pan-African Liberation Organization, graduate assistant for the Office of Residence Life, and the advisor of the Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

According to Mr. Hart, a leader is someone who has stepped up to the plate and is able to take the lead. A leader should have a plan of action and

be able to implement that plan. A leader should be able to give constructive criticism to the people who follow him/her, and be able to take constructive criticism from those who follow him/her and those who he follows. A good leader should never separate himself or herself from the team. Without the team, there is no one to lead. Without the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, there would be no Dr. Martin Luther

King Jr.; without the Nation of Islam, there would be no Malcolm X, without the Student Nonviolent Committee, there would be no Kwame Ture' (Stokely Carmichael); and without the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party there would be no Fannie Lou Hamer. Lastly, a good leader should always be willing to train no matter the weather.

Counseling Services: Devynne Stevenson by Tanya Swanson

Devynne Stevenson is a senior psychology major. She attended Oxon Hill High School with high hopes of one day attending a superb institution such as Bowie State University. Her mother, who is her inspiration, always tells her to surpass her accomplishments. She says her thirst for leadership developed in high school. She was clarinet section leader for three

years and a student writer in the marching band.

When she arrived at BSU, she soon became interested in different aspects of education and mentoring. She declared psychology as her major and joined the Peer Mentoring Program. While doing so, she also was a member in the Symphony of Soul Marching Band at BSU as the clarinet section leader

and dance choreographer. She currently serves as the president of the Epsilon Lambda chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Additionally, Devynne is completing a practicum in counseling services where she provides peer counseling to freshmen.

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Mahatma Gan-





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Editor's Note:
 I have thoroughly enjoyed this month's focus on Student Leaders. I am truly inspired by their dedication and vision as I hope you are!
 Katrina Briggs

Harry Freeman, III by Chief Ernest Waiters

Mr. Freeman is a native of Willingboro, New Jersey. He will be graduating from Bowie State University in May 2007 with a bachelor of science degree in sociology and a concentration in criminal justice. While at Bowie State, he participated in football as well as track and field. He is also currently involved in the Criminal Justice Club on campus as the club's spokesman for the SGA. Upon graduation, he is eager to pursue a career as a special agent within law enforcement. Since his sophomore year he has been inspired more by law enforcement. He has been preparing for the opportunity to become a law enforcement officer by working as an intern with Bowie State Department of Public Safety. Of the various fields of law enforcement, working as a special agent is most appealing to him because of the detailed investigative aspect on the federal level. Once he becomes a special agent, his future goal within the agency is to become the special agent-in-charge.

Wiseman Student Center Conference Services: Mr. John Rosser IV by Mr. Frank Waller

The outstanding leader on and off the clock. Whether he's officially working or not, he's dependable. John is excellent when it comes to providing customer service to his fellow students as well as friends of Bowie State University. John is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an educational honor society. John gives of himself by volunteering his time to assist fellow students with tutoring and assistance with writing essay papers. He is currently student teaching in a Prince George's County elementary school three days a week. John's future plans are to graduate in December 2007. Finally, John's favorite pastime and love is basketball. During any given week, John can be found at a gym somewhere on or off campus playing ball. Because he has become the unofficial caretaker of the various university gymnasiums. John's idea of a leader is, "A leader sacrifices for the good of many. A great leader is not the one who determines his or her greatness."

"In Student Affairs we don't and we can't have a bad day!" Dr. Artie Lee Travis

