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BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (BSUNAA) RELEASED AN OPEN LETTER OF GRATITUDE TO MS. MACKENZIE SCOTT ACKNOWLEDGING \$25M GIFT TO BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

Bowie, MD (December 31, 2020) On December 21, Bowie State University National Alumni Association (BSUNAA), Inc. released an open letter of gratitude to Ms. MacKenzie Scott acknowledging the \$25M transformational investment in Bowie State University. "We are extremely excited that Ms. Scott saw it worthy to invest in Maryland's Oldest HBCU (Historically Black College and University)", said Darren Swain, President of the BSUNAA.

In the letter, President Swain compared Ms. Scott's generosity to the likes of Nelson Wells, a freed slave that never attended Bowie State but found it his calling to bequeath his estate to establish an institution to educate freed slaves. That "defining" moment allowed needed growth and made more certain a lasting path of growth. Now we witness Ms. Scott's selfless and unparalleled philanthropy that will fortify our steady foundation and allow growth opportunities yet to be seen.

At the time of this press release, this was the single largest individual investment to Bowie State University. Ms. Scott's contribution is a continuation of generous donors such as alumni like Ms. Betty Brown Turner, The Honorable Tim Adams, Mayor of Bowie, Mr. William Teel, and NBA Great, Allen Iverson that have committed in treasure to our continued existence.

In the spirit of Ms. Scott's benevolence and everyone else who has donated to Bowie State University, President Swain is launching the 384 Alumni Challenge. The name is derived from the 384 organization were recipients of Ms. Scott's \$4.2B donation. This challenge seeks 384 members of the BULLDOG NATION to donate at least \$100 to BSUNAA Endowment.

Again, the Bulldog Nation is humbled by Ms. Scott's selfless gift that will indeed continue our rich legacy of quality education and directly impact countless generations to come as we continue to "define" our future.

About BSUNAA

The primary purpose of the Bowie State University National Alumni Association, Inc. are the following:

- (1) to advance the cause of education
- (2) to establish a mutually beneficial relationship between Bowie State University and the National Alumni Association, Inc.,
- (3) to financially aid students who wish to attend Bowie State University, and
- (4) to financially aid Bowie State University.

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