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### **BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (BSUNAA) ELECTS FORMER MD STATE DELEGATE, DARREN SWAIN TO BE THEIR NEXT PRESIDENT**

Bowie, MD (June 25, 2020) On June 27, Mr. Darren M. Swain will be sworn in as the 32<sup>nd</sup> President of the BSUNAA. Swain has a long history with Bowie State University serving as Student Body President in 1991 – 1992. He is a 2-time graduate of Bowie State University and served as an administrator with the University for almost 13 years.

"The significance of attending a Historically Black College and University becomes more pronounced with each passing year," said Swain, noting that the importance of this legacy was a cornerstone of his election effort. "One thing that has remained unchanged is the self-defining certainty that comes from attending a HBCU. Without institutions like Bowie State University, doors of opportunity would be shut to future generations. I look forward to working with our alumni and the community to increase support for Bowie in the years to come."

Swain's administration includes Monique R. White Chiselom, (1993), Vice President; Anthony Jefferson (1994), Treasurer; and Deborah McFarland, (1969) Recording Secretary. Mr. Swain is very enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve his alma mater and is looking forward to ushering "new" energy that will expound upon the rich legacy of the BSUNAA.

"I am excited to see my former legislative team member and fellow Bulldog continue his service to Bowie State", said State Sen. Joanne C. Benson of the 24th Legislative District, "He LOVES BSU and has my full support". The breath of Mr. Swain's network is far-reaching, here is what At-Large Member Prince George's County Council, Calvin Hawkins said about Mr. Swain, "Darren is the right person for this position and I look forward to supporting him". "Darren has assisted the University in its fundraising efforts in many capacities, said Gordon Sampson, Bowie State University Foundation Board Chair, "I look forward to working more closely with him, as he leads our National Alumni Association, to grow our endowment even more".

Swain's Transition Team is led by Weyden W. Wedderburn (1996) and Renada Johnson (2002).

Mr. Swain plans to hit the road running by addressing the Bulldog Nation via a video message on July 1; followed by a series of Listening Forums to hear from all of his constituents:

- July 9 – Listening Forum for Alumni & Friends of Bulldog Nation (7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)
- July 16 – Listening Forum for BSUNAA Chapter Presidents (7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)
- July 23 – Listening Forum for Bulldog Strategic Think Tank (7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)
- TBD – Listening Forum for Dr. Breaux & Administration (6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)

### **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.