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COUNCIL MEMBER TURNER AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PLANNING BOARD TO HONOR BOWIE STATE STUDENT ART COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS

BSU Students Create Cover Designs for Bowie State MARC Station Sector Plan

Prince George's County Council Member Ingrid M. Turner (D) – District 4 and the Prince George's County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) will come together to honor the Bowie State University (BSU) winner of an art contest designed to involve BSU students in the community vision for a new land-use plan being developed for the Bowie State and Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) Train station in Bowie. The award presentation is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., County Administration Building, Council Hearing Room, First Floor in Upper Marlboro.

The Bowie State MARC Station Sector Plan will guide future land use, zoning, and development in the area. The plan focuses on "transit-oriented development" around the MARC station and is expected to serve as a catalyst for a pedestrian-friendly community town center which will serve BSU students and faculty, as well as surrounding neighborhoods and MARC commuters. The plan will also facilitate Bowie State's expansion initiatives, and is expected to aid in attracting additional development and investment in the longer term.

Six BSU students submitted artwork for the contest: **Chaney Brooks, Valerie Duke, Semaj Rashad, Steven Stephenson, Michael Wilder**, and the contest winner, **Samantha Key**, a BSU junior majoring in visual communications and digital arts. Her winning design will be posted on the M-NCPPC Planning Department web site, www.mncppc.org/pdpc, and may be published in part or in its entirety as the cover page of the Bowie State MARC Station Sector Plan document. As first place winner, Samantha Key will be presented with a laptop computer, donated by the Prince George's Community Foundation and Council Member Turner. All contest participants will receive Council commendations for their work and participation.

- WHO:** Prince George's County Council Member Ingrid Turner (D) – District 4
Prince George's County Planning Board, M-NCPPC
- WHAT:** Presentations to Winner and Contestants
Bowie State MARC Station Sector Plan Student Art Contest
- WHEN:** Thursday, May 7, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
- WHERE:** Prince George's County Administration Building, 1st Floor Hearing Room
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro



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