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**City of Bowie Offers Condolences on Death of Second Lieutenant Richard Collins, III**

The Bowie City Council offers its most sincere condolences to the family, friends, and classmates of Richard Collins, III, who was attacked and killed in College Park on the weekend of May 20, 2017.

As a student at Bowie State University, Mr. Collins was a member of our community and we feel his loss deeply. His attack, which is being investigated as a hate crime, was senseless and tragic, and an affront to all who value the sanctity of life. The fact that it happened to a student on a college campus, a place we normally associate with expanding minds and nurturing the free flow of ideas, is especially disturbing.

Second Lieutenant Richard Collins, III accomplished much in his young life and he held great promise for the future. The circumstances of his death serve to remind us that we must continue to work together to embrace our diversity and protect the civil rights of all individuals.

We support his family and our Bowie State University community at this difficult time and encourage those who would like to honor his memory, to donate to a memorial fund that has been set up in Lieutenant Collins' name at the University. Visit [www.bowiestate.edu](http://www.bowiestate.edu) for more information.

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