



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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July 17, 2025

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**NEW ADMINISTRATORS** - I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce two of our new campus leaders at Bowie.

**Hallé Whittington is proud to return to Bowie High School as the School Improvement Facilitator**, bringing a rich blend of experience from both corporate and educational settings. Before entering education, Ms. Whittington spent several years as a corporate trainer and manager, honing her skills in leadership, coaching, and professional development.

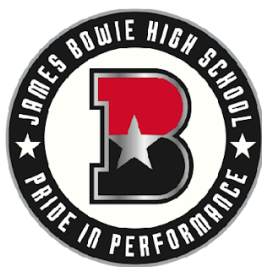
She earned her B.S. in Family & Consumer Sciences with Teacher Certification from Texas State University and began her teaching career in 2015 as a student teacher right here at Bowie. She went on to teach four years at Bailey Middle School before returning to Bowie, where she spent the next five years teaching in the same classroom where her journey began.

Most recently, Ms. Whittington served as an Employee Effectiveness Coordinator, supporting multiple campuses—including Bowie—in implementing district-wide appraisal systems and educator development. She holds a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from UT Tyler and anticipates results for her National Board Teacher Certification this December.

A passionate educator and lifelong learner, Ms. Whittington is driven by the belief that strong relationships are at the heart of school improvement. She is thrilled to rejoin the Bowie community—not only as a staff member, but also as a parent of two Bowie Bulldogs, with one entering his freshman year and the other beginning his senior year.

**The second new administrator is Assistant Principal Daniel Andreano** who will be working with the science department and families with last names LAK-OR. Mr. Andreano is in his 19th year in education. Born and raised in Houston, Texas, he has called Central Texas home for the past 18 years. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Texas A&M University and later completed a Master's degree in Educational Leadership at Texas State University.

Before stepping into his current role as assistant principal, Mr. Andreano served as a special education case manager and taught high school English and Reading for 10 years.



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Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his children, attending baseball games and concerts, and working on his project car.

**NEW COUNSELORS** - In addition to our new administrators, I'm also excited to introduce the two new members of our counseling team here in Bulldog Nation.

**Lori Eggleston** joins us with over 17 years of experience as a high school counselor, most recently at Brentwood High School in Tennessee. She earned her degree in Social Work from Appalachian State University in Boone, NC, and spent more than a decade in the field before pursuing her School Counseling degree at East Tennessee State University.

Ms. Eggleston recently relocated to Austin with her husband and their dog, Lola, to be closer to family. In her free time, she enjoys crocheting, reading, and cheering on her favorite sports teams.

**April Loeb** joins Bowie High School with 18 years of experience as a school counselor in Klein ISD. Originally from Houston, she and her husband recently moved to Austin after years of visiting their two children—both UT graduates. With their daughter now working as a NICU nurse at St. David's and their son recently completing a degree in mechanical engineering, the whole family fell in love with life in Austin, inspiring Ms. Loeb and her husband to make the city their new home.

She is excited to begin this new chapter at Bowie and looks forward to connecting with students, staff, and families. Outside of school, Ms. Loeb enjoys a good cup of coffee, exploring scenic trails, trying new restaurants, and watching her favorite reality TV shows—*Big Brother* and *Survivor*. She also considers herself a reluctant jogger and a fair-weather gardener.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** - Our campus is continuing to operate on a summer schedule—Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—through August 4. Teachers and staff will return to campus on Thursday, August 7, and the first day of classes for our students is Tuesday, August 19.

**JOIN PTSA** - The Bowie PTSA Board is looking for new members to join our team for the 2025–2026 school year! Don't let the titles intimidate you—grab a friend and share a role! Whether you have a few hours or can take on more, we'd love to have your support. Events like Bulldogs & Hotdogs, the Homecoming Dance, and Teacher Appreciation wouldn't be possible without parents like you. The [PTSA](https://www.jbhs.org/ptsa) is a great way to stay connected and make a meaningful impact on campus life.



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PTSA Membership opens August 1 at [www.bowieptsa.org/membership](http://www.bowieptsa.org/membership)

Current Open Opportunities:

- Sponsorship Chair – Reach out to local businesses, secure PTSA sponsorships, and help coordinate fence-line banners (mostly done in the fall).
- [Bulldogs & Hotdogs Volunteers](#) – Help with this beloved community event happening August 23!
- Homecoming Volunteers – Assist with decorations, logistics, and setup for the dance.

For more information or to express interest, email [bowieptsapresident@gmail.com](mailto:bowieptsapresident@gmail.com).

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENTS** - Bowie will be hosting several events to help students and their families get ready for the new school year. You are invited to stop by the Bowie Library from either 8-9 am or 5-6 pm on Friday, August 8 for an informal meet-and-greet with the counselors and administrators. From 5:30-6:30 pm on Monday, August 18, all students are invited to walk their schedules or get a full campus tour during the Meet at the Tree Campus Preview. Please note that Meet at the Tree is for students only! See the [Back to School Buzz flyer](#) for additional information about these and other important events.

**SPIRIT WEAR** - Class officers raise money each year to pay for their Senior Prom. Class T-Shirts (and Senior Yard Signs) are one of the largest fundraisers for the event. Please consider purchasing [class-specific spirit wear](#) or [general Bowie gear](#) to support your class and prom!

**SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS FOR ADVANCED COURSES** - Some advanced courses require students to complete assignments over the summer. If your student is taking an advanced course, please make sure they check the Bowie website to verify [summer work expectations](#).

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson  
Principal