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Joining the Consortium

Chancellors and presidents from across California Community Colleges act as a consortium to actively advise the Umoja steering committee on the implementation of the program, provide critical feedback and support in promoting Umoja, and generate ideas for securing additional program funding.

If your campus is interested in joining the Umoja Community, please send a check for \$1000 made payable to the Foundation for California Community Colleges. The Foundation for California Community Colleges has supported the efforts of the Umoja Community from its inception. For more information on joining the consortium contact:

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A Statewide Initiative
for Student Success





Umoja Community Mission

Umoja is a grassroots effort by concerned faculty, staff and students who have been working to help improve the success rates of African American and other California Community College students.

Umoja (a Kiswahili word meaning unity) is a community and critical resource dedicated to enhancing the cultural and educational experiences of African American and other students.

We believe that when the voices and histories of students are deliberately and intentionally recognized, the opportunity for self-efficacy emerges and a foundation is formed for academic success.

Umoja actively serves and promotes student success through a curriculum and pedagogy responsive to the legacy of the African Diaspora.

Umoja Educational Philosophy

Umoja is a community of educators and learners committed to the academic success, personal growth and self-actualization of African American and other students. The Umoja Community seeks to educate the whole student—body, mind and spirit. Informed by an ethic of love and its vital power, the Umoja Community will deliberately engage students as full participants in the construction of knowledge and critical thought. The Umoja Community seeks to help students experience themselves as valuable and worthy of an education.

African and African American intellectual, cultural and spiritual gifts inform Umoja Community values and practices. The Umoja Community seeks to nurture knowledge of and pride in these treasures. The learning experience within the Umoja Community will provide each individual the opportunity to add their voice and their story to the collective voices and stories of the African Diaspora.

African American students are inextricably connected to global struggles for liberation throughout the African Diaspora. In light of this, the Umoja Community views education as a liberatory act designed to empower all students to critique, engage, and transform deleterious social and institutional practices locally and

globally. The Umoja Community practices and fosters civic engagement so that all its participants integrate learning and service. Likewise, the Umoja Community instills in our students the knowledge and skills necessary to enable them to make positive differences in their lives and the lives of others.

The Board of Governors for the California Community Colleges officially recognized the Umoja Community as a statewide student success program in January 2008.

Contact Information

For more information on how to get involved and start an Umoja Community program on your college campus contact Umoja Community co-chairs:

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