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for. All we have to
do is wear it.”

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We are extremely excited to welcome you to the Umoja XVI Conference! Our staff and the Board of Directors have worked tirelessly to plan and execute a memorable virtual experience for you.

This conference aims to empower attendees to live out Umoja's vision to be the preeminent global educational organization that provides transformative, emancipatory education to uplift and inspire academic excellence of self-actualization for students of African descent. The speakers, workshops, and events will highlight the intellectual, artistic, and cultural richness of our students, staff, faculty, and partners.

We owe a debt of gratitude to all our sponsors, who affirm their commitment to the work Umoja does daily to support students and train faculty. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Thank you for being with us, and enjoy the Umoja XVI Conference!

ABOUT UMOJA

MISSION STATEMENT

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 for all students through a curriculum and pedagogy responsive to the legacy of the African and African American Diasporas.

VISION STATEMENT

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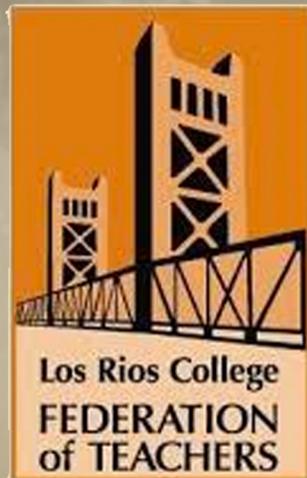
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SPEAKER

Dr. Christopher Emdin is an Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology at Teachers College, Columbia University; where he also serves as Director of the Science Education program and Associate Director of the Institute for Urban and Minority Education.

He is an alumni fellow at the Hutchins Center at Harvard University and served as STEAM Ambassador for the U.S. Department of State and Minorities in Energy Ambassador for the U.S. Department of Energy.

Dr. Emdin is a social critic, public intellectual and science advocate whose commentary on issues of race, culture, inequality and education have appeared in dozens of influential periodicals including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Washington Post.

Dr. Emdin holds a Ph.D in Urban Education with a concentration in Mathematics, Science, and Technology; Masters degrees in both Natural Sciences and Education Administration, and Bachelors degrees in Physical Anthropology, Biology, and Chemistry.

He is the creator of the #HipHopEd social media movement, and a much sought-after public speaker on a number of topics that include hip-hop education, STEM education, politics, race, class, diversity, and youth empowerment. He is also an advisor to numerous international organizations, school districts, and schools.

He is the author of the award winning book, *Urban Science Education for the Hip-hop Generation* and the New York Times bestseller *For White Folks Who Teach In the Hood and the Rest of Ya'll* too.

Chris Emdin



SPEAKER

Angela Rye is Principal and CEO of IMPACT Strategies. Featured as an influential politico, lawyer, and advocate by several publications and outlets from Marie Claire to Ebony and the Washington Post, Rye has an unwavering commitment to ensuring positive change in the political process. She is a prominent political strategist who offers regular on-air commentary for several media outlets including BET, CNN, MSNBC, and TV One. The depth of her dialogue ranges from political campaigns to more complex legislation that bears long-term implications nationally and internationally.

She currently serves on the boards of the Congressional Black Caucus Institute, the Seattle University School of Law Alumni, Women in Entertainment Empowerment Network, serves as a senior advisor to the Government Technology and Services Coalition, and is a member of The Links, Incorporated, National Bar Association, American Bar Association, and the Washington Government Relations Group. Rye served as the Executive Director and General Counsel to the Congressional Black Caucus for the 112th Congress. In her role as Executive Director, Rye was tasked with developing the overall legislative and political strategy for the Caucus. Prior to working for the CBC, she served as Senior Advisor and Counsel to the House Committee on Homeland Security under the leadership of Congressman Bennie G. Thompson.

Upon moving to the Nation's Capital, Rye co-founded IMPACT, an organization that seeks to encourage young professionals in three core areas: economic empowerment, civic engagement, and political involvement. Born and raised in Seattle, Washington, Rye learned the importance of advocacy through her family's political and community activism. She is a proud graduate of the University of Washington and Seattle University School of Law.

Angela Rye

COMMUNITY EVENT



STATE OF BLACK STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021 - 3:00 - 5:00 PM

PRESENTERS



NZINGHA S. DUGAS
Executive Director
Umoja Community
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DR. TAMMY ROBINSON
Vice President
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YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for a thoughtful discussion about the academic, political and social climate for Black staff and faculty.

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UMOJA XVI CONFERENCE

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Umoja Open Mic Night

Performers from across Umoja will share their talents and skills through poetry, singing, and other performances.

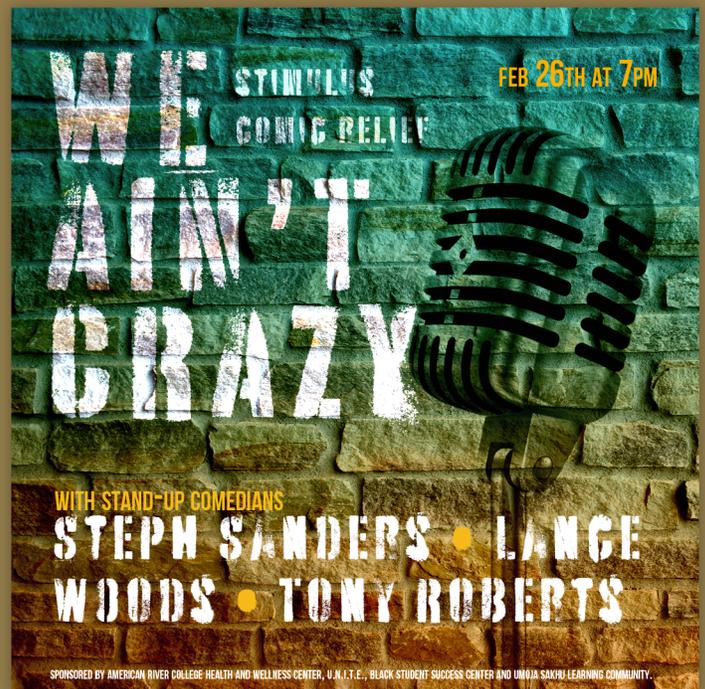
Time: February 25, 2021, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Host: Mr. Timothy Mays is currently serving as the Assistant Director for Black Student Success at Northeastern Illinois University. Formerly, he was a Teacher at Antioch High School in Antioch, CA. He received his Master's in Higher Education from Loyola University Chicago in 2016 and continues to dig deeper into his research around exoticism, disposability, and the healing of Black bodies. Timothy recently released his first poetry and affirmation book entitled, "And Still I Rise to Fantasize" which attempts to channel Black resilience in the face of consistent trauma while having the unwavering courage to strive toward being holistically well. Timothy has devoted himself to making sure that people from low-income communities are prepared for and comfortable with the possibility of advocating for themselves to ensure that a true sense of community is accomplished.

Register to Perform:

<https://umojacommunity.org/OpenMicNight-Signup>

EDUTAINMENT 2021



Comedy Night

Performers from across Umoja will share their talents and skills through poetry, singing, and other performances.

Time: February 26, 2021, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Enjoy some comedy from three premiere comics on Friday night! Steph Sanders, Lance Woods, and Tony Roberts will be featured!

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/BHM-Comedy>



WORKSHOPS

CTE Panel Session: Demystifying CTE: Unpacking Career Technical Training and Education

Moderator: Dr. Tre Glazatov - Curriculum Developer, Umoja Community Education Foundation

Lisa Gwyn - Workforce Development Program Coordinator, Diablo Valley College

Von Lawson - Dean CTE, Mt. San Jacinto College

Danielle Smith-Morton - CTE/Stem - Counselor, San Bernardino Valley College

Kawanna Rollins - Career Education Coordinator, College of Alameda

Description: Engage in an open forum as we share community resources and discuss the value of career technical education as an academic and professional option for Umoja students. ☒

Elders' Sessions - Setting the Tone - "What Do Our Jegnas See?"

Elder Jeri Marshall

Elder Ernest Bridges

Elder Donna Colondres

Description: Come hear our Elders Tell us what's really going on and what it's about! Share space with our Umoja Elders and Jegnas to engage in an open, intergenerational conversation about their knowledge, experiences, and wisdom as we continue to move the work of Umoja forward.

Social and Cultural Awakening through Hip Hop

Dr. Terrence Elliott, Professor Eric Handy, Diablo Valley College

Description: Racial trauma, an ongoing consequence of historical trauma, has deleterious effects on the well-being of Africana communities, which calls for a social reform movement. There is no better-suited medium for such a movement than Hip Hop as its roots are born out of adversity and trauma. Hip Hop music, representing a potential shift in the ideological and ideational dynamics of the African American community insofar as it signaled an intergenerational movement around crafting solutions that were artistic, organizational, and institutional.



WORKSHOPS

Financial Literacy: Cash Rules Everything Around Me CREAM get the money dollar dollar bill y'all

Dr. Rob Rubalcaba, San Diego City College

Description: Pull up to WuTang Financial (aka Dr. Rob's Umoja Math classroom) where we will learn financial literacy through hip hop records. We will learn about credit score, debt, interest, and how to invest for your future. Together we will learn about investing in education, graduate school, and the financial benefits of majoring in Math Engineering Technology and Sciences. We will experience fractions and percentages at the heart of financial literacy through Hip Hop records, Injera, and Kente cloth.

Learn to Fight by Learning Your Rights

Malcolme Morgan, San Diego State University/ Pillars of the Community

Mitchelle Woodson, Pillars of the Community

Description: The audience will learn their rights, how to file complaints, and leave feeling empowered.

Why Healthcare Needs You: Commitment and Resiliency for the Long Haul

Charlene Green, UC Davis School of Medicine

Description: Explore strategies to navigate through the education system for the long haul when pursuing medicine (MD/DO) and advanced practice nursing (NP/PA). What should my major be? What classes should I be taking? What extra-curricular activities or job experiences should I be involved in? These questions will be discussed in this interactive session. Additionally, learners will be introduced to Health Professions Explorers--a webinar series providing exposure to healthcare schools and professionals for those interested in discovering potential career opportunities in medicine, nursing, physical therapy, medical social work, dentistry, and many more!



WORKSHOPS

Get The 411 on the University of California's Transfer Support Programs

Sheryl Blackshire – Associate Director of Admissions, UC Davis and UC Davis African Continuum Representative

Niobe Duke, Program Coordinator Center for Black Cultures Resources and Research (CBCRR) UC Irvine

Jessica Verazas - Assistant Director of Transfer Recruitment & Evaluation

Rosa Hernandez – UC Merced Transfer, Returning & Veteran (TRV) Program Coordinator

UC Berkeley Fannie Lou Hammer Staff

Moderator: Tiana Otubuah Assistant Director – Transfer Initiatives Undergraduate Admissions

Description: Join staff from across the University of California for an informative session on the transfer assistance services and programs available to you now and on UC campuses. Discover the various resources, support programs, and services available to ensure you not only succeed, but thrive and build a community on UC campuses. Don't miss this chance to learn about these impactful services and programs designed to support you!

Get to Know Your UC Umoja Ambassadors

Katryna Wallace, University of California Riverside

Wiley Wilson, University of California Riverside

Nathan Ilo, University of California Riverside

Julianna Valdivieso, University of California Riverside

Description: Students will be transformed through self-reflection after hearing student stories/experiences. They can also learn about major interests. They will leave with a sense of community with their fellow participants as well as the student presenters. This workshop should leave students feeling a lot more comfortable with the transition from their previous college to their institution.

Historically Black Colleges; Your Pathway to Success

Dr. Karen McCord, El Camino College

Dr. Aryn Azout, El Camino College

Description: Students and participants will learn about the process a student can follow to transfer with 30 or more transferable units to the current 39 partner Historically Black College and Universities (HBCU). Students may transfer from any of the 114 California Community Colleges. Students following the California Community College Transfer Guarantee to HBCU's Pathway will ensure the acceptance of transferable units from any Community College. Topics to be covered include the history of HBCUs, cost comparison, information regarding priority housing, in-state tuition for select schools, and scholarship opportunities available to California Community College transfer students. This is an interactive workshop that includes testimony from students who have successfully transferred to one of the 39 HBCU partner institutions. Students will learn about how attending a partner HBCU can be a life transformational experience.



WORKSHOPS

Black Resource and Retention Panel

Allura Davis, UCR (Moderator)
Elroy Pinks, UC Santa Barbara
Dr. Tashiana Bryant-Myrick, Cal Poly Pomona
Dr. Jamal Myrick, UC Riverside

Description: Join us as we host a panel of Black Student Resource Center professionals from across the University of California and California State University systems. We will highlight effective strategies for establishing, maintaining, and growing support for Black students, with an emphasis on recruitment and retention strategies that uplift Black student success.

Reclaiming Our Stories: Struggle, Resistance, and the Audacity to Thrive in Higher Education

Ebony Tyree
Ciera Robinson
Chris Kennison
Ahmad Mahmoud
Paul Alexander

Description: The audience will hear from 3 of our Reclaiming Our Stories authors who have all overcome structural barriers to excel in higher education. From incarceration to becoming leaders on campus and the community, these stories will inspire and students to succeed and encourage them to embrace their identities as strong Umoja agents of change.

Rebuilding Black Wall Street

De'Von Truvel, Play Black Wall Street

Description: 100 years ago the most successful Black Town in American history was destroyed, Tulsa's Black Wall Street. In this high energy and engaging workshop you will learn about the history of Black Wall Street, lessons we can learn, and how to start your own business. Hosted by the creator of Black Wall Street the Board Game, De'Von Truvel. We will rebuild.



WORKSHOPS

Defund the Police on Campus - Transforming Public Safety and Caring for Student Needs

Dr. Kimberly King, Laney College
Alicia Raya, Laney College
Josh Patstone, Laney College
Victoria King, Laney College

Description: This presentation will share the campus and community organizing work of Black Minds Matter @ Peralta (BMMP) to replace the County Sheriff's on campus with unarmed community-oriented Black-owned security. BMMP was formed soon after the vicious police murder of George Floyd and in the wake of the nationwide Black Lives Matter protests of Summer 2020. BMMP is a group of faculty, students, staff, and community members who created a petition and got community and District support to replace the County Sheriff's on our campus with an unarmed restorative justice approach. Questions to be addressed: How does the presence of armed police on college campuses affect Black and Brown students? Do we need armed police on campuses? How can we create campus safety in a way that manifests respect for students and community, racial justice, and safety and comfort for all students and staff?

Let's Talk - UC Porch Talk

University of California Staff
Timothy Borch UC San Diego
Allura Davis - UC Riverside
Dawn Joves - UC Santa Cruz
Trey Moore - UC Berkeley
Jamal Collins - UCOP
UC Umoja Ambassadors

Description: Join staff from across the University of California system for a Porch Talk. Don't miss this opportunity to come together and discuss how UC can support your educational and professional dreams. Get all your questions answered about transfer admissions process, financing your education, student life, support services and much more.



UMOJA COLLEGE FAIR

FEBRUARY 26, 2021 - 2:45 - 4:45 P.M.

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Fisk University
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Grambling State University
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Wiley College
Xavier University of Louisiana

Visit the Exhibitor Area to meet representatives from each of these campuses.

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WORKSHOPS

SPECIAL SESSIONS

From Poison to Promise; Black Male/Female Relationships and Creative Reality

Dr. Tony Jackson

Description: Engage with the community around our special session topic.

Sankofa Cultural Wisdom

Dr. Adeeba Deterville

Description: Through acknowledging our wisdom warriors (Jegna) and their stories, parables, and lived example they offer - we will explore cultural wisdom and knowledge across three time dimensions, past, present and future (Sankofa).



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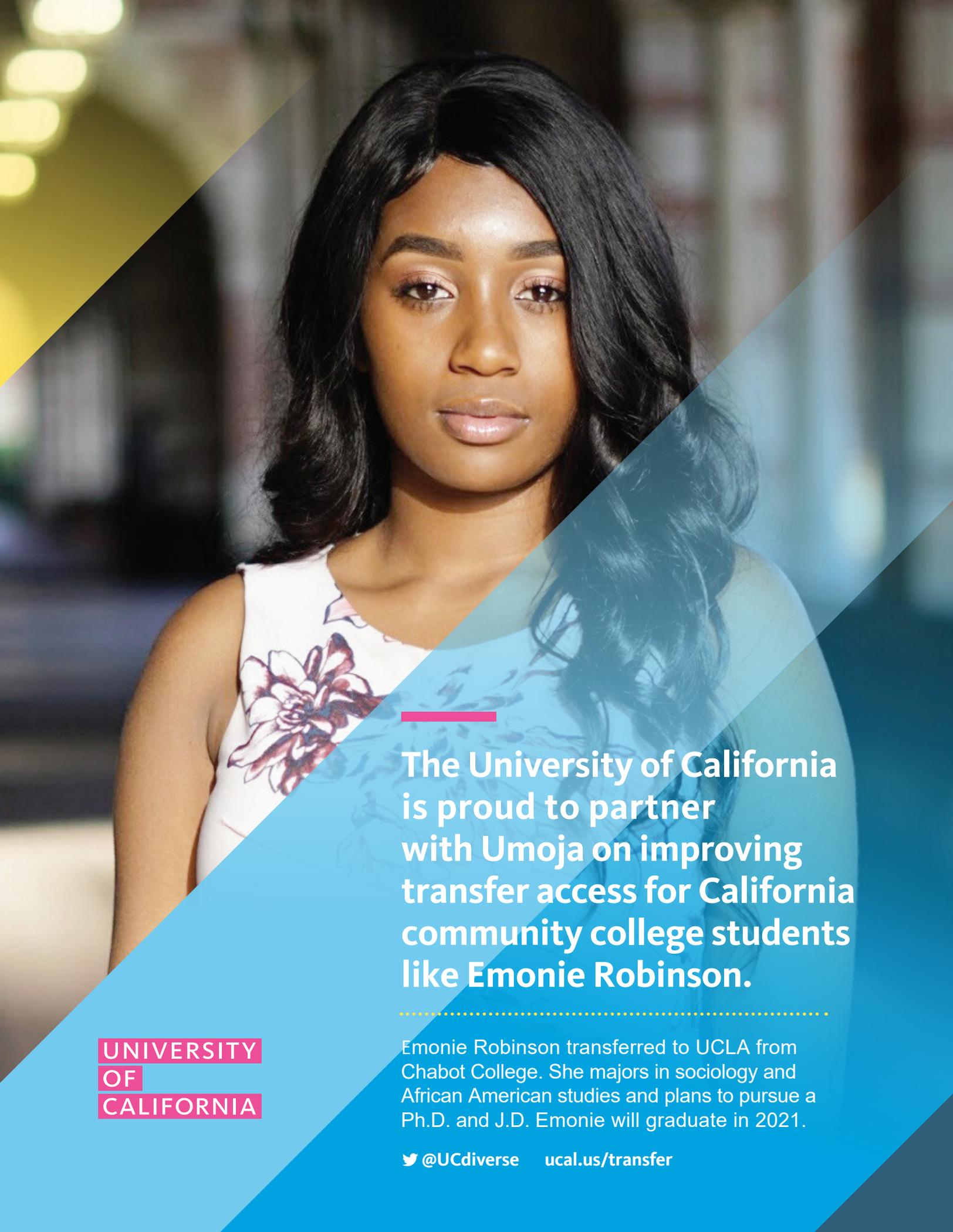
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Emonie Robinson transferred to UCLA from Chabot College. She majors in sociology and African American studies and plans to pursue a Ph.D. and J.D. Emonie will graduate in 2021.

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