

UMOJA HABARI



"UNITY NEWS"



2018 Black History & Culture Showcase



Umoja student Mark Lineberger (left) dancing to Black Panther: The Album theme song "All The Stars" and Umoja student Christine Wiley (right) modeling Ghanian garb at the 2018 Black History & Culture Showcase

On Wednesday, February 28, 2018, the Umoja Community program and the Associated Students Organization of LA Harbor College co-hosted the 2018 Black History and Culture Showcase in honor of Black History Month. The event featured original poetry, Black history trivia, musical and other artistic student performances. We would like to thank the Associated Students Organization for partnering with us. We would also like to give a very special thanks to all the students who volunteered and performed this year. We are honored to have you as members of our community! Finally, we would like to thank all the administrators, faculty, and staff who helped make this event a success: Vice President Luis Dorado, Dean Dawn Reid, Mary Vargas, Andy Labrune, Lori Minor, Anjanette Crum, Jose Luna, Gary Gonzales, Joy Fisher, and Mary Copeland.

The Umoja Community at LA Harbor College

Umoja 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.

What does Umoja mean?

“Umoja” is a Kiswahili word meaning unity. Kiswahili (also known as Swahili) has the largest number of speakers of all estimated 250 - 535 Narrow Bantu languages. These languages are spoken largely in regions commonly known as Central Africa, Southeastern Africa, and Southern Africa. “Umoja Habari” means Unity News.

Umoja Program Eligibility

To be eligible for the Umoja Program a student must be:

- ♦ Interested in learning about the African Diaspora
- ♦ Enrolled in 6+ units at LA Harbor College
- ♦ A student with a demonstrated need (first generation college student, economically disadvantaged, or socially disadvantaged)
- ♦ Motivated to earn one of the following: a Certificate of Achievement, an Associates Degree, and/or university transfer

Academic Support

Umoja Cohort Courses

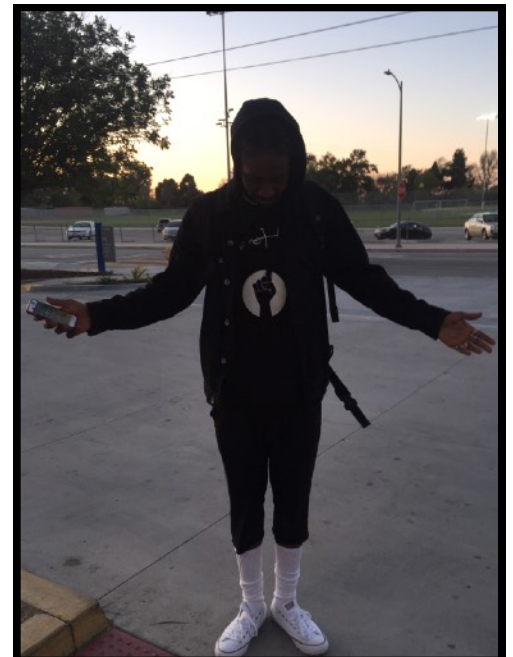
Culturally Responsive Workshops & Events

Counseling Appointments

Mentorship

Leadership Opportunities

FREE Travel to Umoja Statewide & Regional Conferences



The Umoja Program is Recruiting!

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- Counseling
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Visit the Transfer Center (SSA 105) to leave a completed interest form in the Umoja contact box or complete the electronic interest form found here:

<http://bit.ly/2DbjE3T>



UMOJA Presents

WAVY WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday in May

12 - 1pm

Location: Seahawk Center Quad

Join us for conversation, games, and music!

An effort to occupy space & create a stronger sense
of unity amongst Black students and their allies

UMOJA CULMINATION

Friday, May 18th, 2018
1pm-5pm, SSA 219

THE UMOJA CULMINATION
CELEBRATES OUR UMOJA
MEMBERS WHO WILL BE
GRADUATING AND
TRANSFERRING TO THEIR
RESPECTIVE INSTITUTIONS OF
HIGHER LEARNING.



WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU AS
OUR VERY SPECIAL GUEST TO
CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF OUR UMOJA STUDENTS!



Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y9fmz7j9> to RSVP

Featured Umoja Students



Zsoveonne Mitchell

Zsoveonne is graduating this Spring with an Associates Degree for Transfer (AD-T) in Studio Art. When asked how the Umoja program has impacted his experience at LA Harbor College he said, "I had been going to Harbor for years and only completed about 7 units on average per year. Through the Umoja program I learned about the PACE program and that changed my life. The Umoja conference workshops also helped me learn how to be a better leader." Zsoveonne has been accepted into numerous 4 year universities including San Francisco State, CSU Monterey Bay, UC Davis, and UC Santa Barbara.

Camille Cooksey

Camille was recruited from Gardena High School by the Umoja program in Spring 2017. She is a first year student who is interested in biological sciences. When asked what the Umoja program means to her she says, "The reason why I was so excited to be a part of the program is because we need more programs like this to share knowledge.....it shows diversity and that we can all come together. I like that the program is open to people of all races. Umoja makes me happy. It makes me feel like I can do something with myself. African Americans go through a lot. This program gives us hope."





*the Los Angeles Community College District
in Partnership with the Chancellor's Office Present*

2018 Annual Black Graduation Celebration



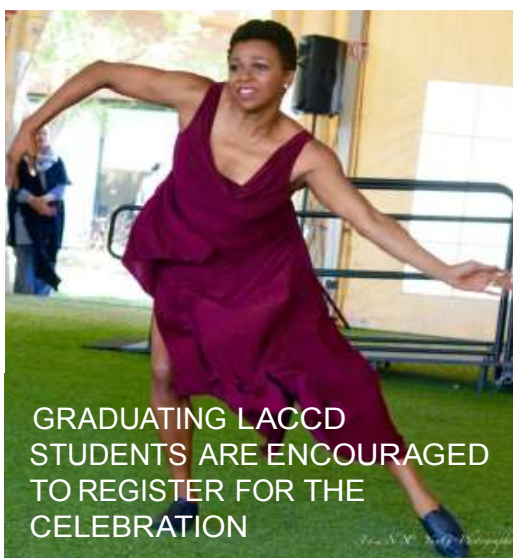
*A CULTURAL CEREMONY HONORING STUDENTS
At the Historic First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles*

TUESDAY | MAY 22 | 2018 | 3:00PM — 5:00PM

First AME Church of Los Angeles | 2270 S. Harvard Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018



**REGISTER
TODAY *at***
bit.ly/BlackGraduation2018



**GRADUATING LACCD
STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO REGISTER FOR THE
CELEBRATION**



**LACCD FACULTY, STAFF,
AND ADMINISTRATORS ARE
ALL INVITED TO CELEBRATE
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

The African American Outreach Initiative (AAOI) is a district-wide collaboration of faculty, staff and administrators dedicated to the overarching expected outcome of improving the access and success rates of African American students in the Los Angeles Community College District.

For more information, contact AAOI 2018 Black Graduation Celebration Co-chairs:

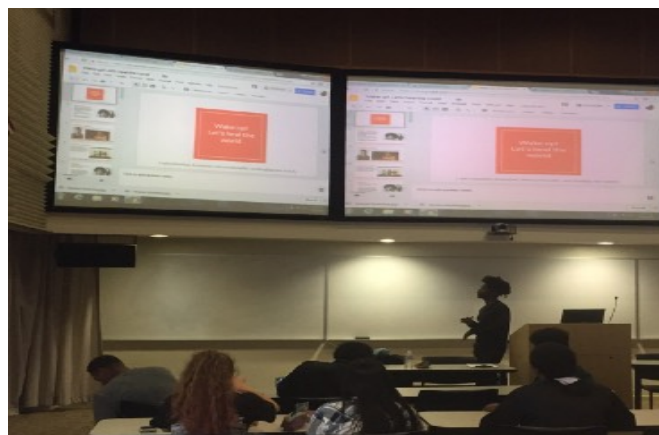
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laccd.edu/AAOI

Selected Event Photos



Wavy Wednesdays



Women Philosophers Workshop



Black History & Culture Showcase



LACCD Black Heritage Bus Tour

Meet the Umoja Team



Dawn Reid
Dean



Adrienne Brown
Counselor/
Coordinator



Stephanie Brown
English Instructor



Brittany Gray
Counselor/
Coordinator



Zsoveonne Mitchell
Student Worker



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