

HABARI YA UMOJA



"UNITY NEWS"



Students attend the Umoja XIV Conference



On Friday, November 9th, nineteen LA Harbor College Umoja students departed for the two-day Umoja XIV Conference held at the Riverside Convention Center. The Umoja Community Education Foundation hosts this annual statewide conference to expose participants to African rituals and customs, enhance understanding of the Umoja principles and practices, engage in critical cultural dialogue, and inspire student success through a variety of workshops and presentations. The conference kicked off with a keynote address from Dr. Eric Thomas (aka E.T. The Hip Hop Preacher) who spoke about the personal and educational challenges he overcame to ultimately rise to worldwide fame and success. The conference continued with various breakout workshops focused on topics ranging from student interaction with law enforcement to allied health careers. Following the workshops, students were given the opportunity to meet and speak with admissions representatives from University of California (UC) campuses and over 30 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Day one concluded with "EduTainment" (education + entertainment) activities such as African dancing, African beading, dialogue with the elders, and African drumming. The second day of the conference featured additional workshops and a closing keynote address from Dr. Joy DeGruy, acclaimed author of *Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome - America's Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing*. Special thanks to Vice President Luis Dorado, Dean Dawn Reid, Roxana Hernandez and Marcia Webb for their assistance and support.

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. “Habari Ya Umoja” 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

Visit this link to fill out a program interest form:

bit.ly/umojalahc





Umoja Workshops and Events Spring 2019

DATE / TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday February 12, 2019 1:30pm - 4:00pm	Black History Cinema Event: Black Wall Street Documentary & Tell Them We Are Rising Film	Location: Tech 110
Tuesday February 19, 2019 1:00pm	5th Annual African American Read-In (Equity Workgroup / English Dept.)	Location: Library, 2nd Floor
Monday February 25, 2019 1:30pm - 3:30pm	Black Local Business Exhibit	Location: Seahawk Center
Wednesday February 27, 2019 1:00pm - 2:30pm	Black History & Culture Showcase	Location: Seahawk Center
Wednesday March 6, 2019 3:00pm – 5:00pm	Financial Literacy/ Scholarship Workshop	Location: SSA 219
Friday March 15, 2019 7:00am - 5:00pm	Umoja Regional Conference	Location: Chaffey College
Monday March 18, 2019 2:00pm - 4:00pm	Porchtalk Potluck: Vision Board Party!	Location: Tech 110
Wednesday March 20, 2019 1:00pm - 2:00pm	Transfer 101 Workshop	Location: Transfer Center
Wednesday March 27, 2019 3:00pm - 4:30pm	Historically Black College & University / Black Greek Letter Organization Workshop	Location: SSA 219
Wednesday April 17, 2019 2:00pm - 3:00pm	Umoja Movie Discussion	Location: SSA 214
Wednesday April 24, 2019 3:00pm - 4:30pm	Umoja Porchtalk Potluck	Location: Tech 110
Tuesday June 4, 2019 12:30pm - 4:00pm	Umoja Culmination Event	Location: Tech 110

BLACK HISTORY & CULTURE SHOWCASE!

Featuring

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH
1:00PM -2:30PM
LOCATION: MUSIC RECITAL HALL**

- **FREE REFRESHMENTS / GIVEAWAYS!**
- **PERFORMANCES**
- **BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA**

*MUSIC
BUILDING
ROOM 101*



UMOJA 2019 REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM

**FRIDAY
MARCH 15TH, 2019
8AM-3PM**

**CHAFFEY
COLLEGE-CHINO CAMPUS**

- NETWORK WITH OTHER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UMOJA STUDENTS
- HEAR AWESOME SPEAKERS & ENGAGE IN CULTURAL DIALOGUE
- LEARN ABOUT TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

RSVP Using this link:
bit.ly/RegionalConfSP19

Selected Event Photos



Umoja Program Fall Orientation



Love You Like A Sister Workshop



Porchtalk Potluck: The African Diaspora



Umoja Alumni Picks Up Her Diploma



Wavy Wednesdays



Umojafied Dance Studies 805 Course



Movie Night: The Hate U Give



Movie Discussion: The Hate U Give



Umoja Student Leadership Retreat



UC Riverside Umoja Workshop



Umoja XIV Conference



Umoja Students Registering for Spring Classes

Meet the Umoja Team



Dawn Reid
Dean



Brittany Gray
Program Coordinator /
Counselor



Sherece Jefferson
Counselor



Stephanie Brown
English Instructor



Florence Yates
Dance Studies Instructor



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