

UMOJA HABARI



"UNITY NEWS"



Congratulations Umoja Graduates!



Left to Right: Cameron Dymally, Adrienne Brown (Director / Counselor), Teirrah Stroman (Program Assistant), Cherish Hart, Shontella Daney, Carvon Green, Nakida Gould, DeAndre Vance, Brittany Gray (Counselor)

Please join us in congratulating our graduates! On Friday, May 19, 2017, the LA Harbor College Umoja Program held its first annual Umoja Culmination Ceremony. We are proud to announce that eight of our Umoja students are graduating this year! Seven Umoja students in total will be transferring on to 4-year universities with four transferring to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Four of our graduates are earning Associates Degrees for Transfer (AD-Ts) and three are earning 2 or more Associates Degrees. We are incredibly proud of our students who have overcome various obstacles and barriers to ultimately accomplish their goals.

[Photo and Video Links](#)

Umoja Graduate Shout Out Videos: <https://youtu.be/FHI6cWWHbro>

Umoja Culmination Photo Slideshow: <https://youtu.be/6SZC9xFLTco>



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

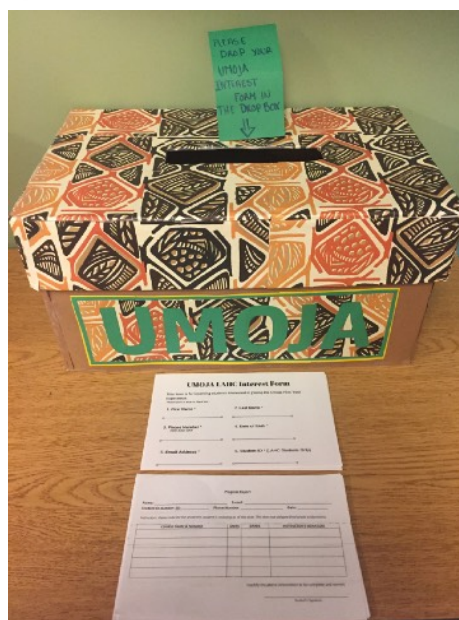
To be eligible for the Umoja Program a student must be:

- ◆ 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

The LAHC Umoja Program

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.

Umoja Program Components



Interested students can visit the Career & Transfer Center (SSA 105) to drop an interest form in our Umoja box. The Umoja team will contact them to attend an information session.

Umoja Student Survey Results



100% of student respondents rated the overall value of the Umoja Program as EXCELLENT or VERY GOOD



100% of student respondents reported that they learned MORE when taking courses with a significant number of other Umoja students



100% of student respondents reported that Umoja workshops make their social and cultural experience at LAHC BETTER

Student Testimonials

“I’m determined to get good grades to stay in the program”

“I feel much more connected to my campus because of it”

“This program helps motivate me and keep me on track”



“It provides a foundation for help and support”

“It allows me and my peers to talk about our struggles and the history of our people and how that affects our lives today...[it’s] made me more culturally aware and not just within my own culture but others as well”

Selected Event Photos



Meet the Umoja Team



Adrienne Brown
Director / Counselor



Stephanie Brown
English Instructor



Brittany Gray
Counselor



Teirrah Stroman
Program Assistant



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