

## **Our Mission**

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 diaspora.

## **Our Goals**

Umoja seeks to address the overrepresentation of this group in basic skills placement; low progression rates to transfer level coursework; and low transfer-velocity rate, despite high percentage of students who indicate transfer as a goal.



## **Benefits of Participating in the Umoja Program**

- Strong support system and personal attention by counselors and faculty.
- Fostering a higher degree of self-confidence and pride in one's cultural heritage.
- Personal growth opportunities

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