

Umoja Scholars Program

"A place where dreams and goals are realized"

WHAT DOES "UMOJA" MEAN?



What is Umoja's Mission?

The Umoja Scholars Program is committed to enriching, fostering, and nurturing the educational experience of all students, especially African American and first-generation college students, ultimately preparing them for academic, personal, and professional success beyond Los Medanos College. This program addresses student needs through academic support services and a curriculum that focuses on African-American literature and history as well as contemporary issues facing the African-American community.

How does the Umoja Scholars Program work?

To join the program interested students must be enrolled as an LMC student, have completed the English and Math assessment tests and have applied for the Umoja Scholars Program.

Once approved, Umoja Scholars will enjoy the benefits of registering for blocked Umoja classes in English and Math. The following courses are offered through the Umoja Scholars program: Students will take the following paired classes to prepare them to reach graduation level and transfer level courses:



Fall: MathPath (25 & 30), English 70, 90, 100, Counseling 34

Spring: Math 12 & 34, English 90 100, 221, Counseling 32

Students who are not ready for or have already taken these paired classes may join the Umoja Scholars Club which is a Los Medanos College club. Club membership will give students the opportunity to participate in Umoja events and activities. Please contact the Umoja Village jastewart@losmedanos.edu or 925-439-2181 ext. 3432 for more information.

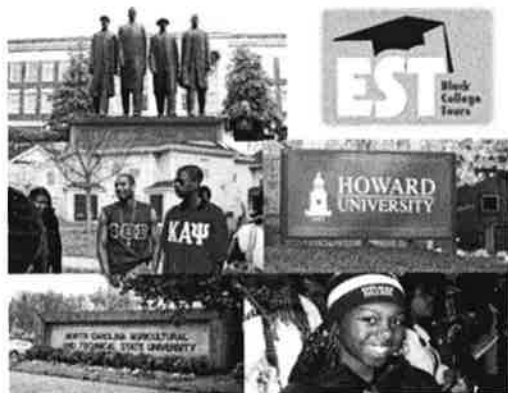
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FALL 2013

December 6, 2013 - Black College Tour Application Deadline!!



What the tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare from OAK Airport.
- Hotel accommodations for five days and four nights.
- Land transportation
- Campus tours
- Meetings with college Admissions Officials
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Professional night time security
- Visits to important historical sites

Application Process:

Interested applicants need to pick up an application in the Student Life Office. Students will be required to fill out an application and include a 1-2 page essay explaining why they want to attend the Black College Tour and what they hope to take away from the experience, and a copy of their unofficial transcripts. Applications will be due on Friday, December 6 2013 in the Student Life Office, no later than 3:00 p.m. The applications will be evaluated by LMC Faculty and Staff. Four applicants will be selected and contacted no later than Friday, December 13, 2013 via email. The actual tour will take place in the Spring 2014 semester (leaving on Sunday, April 13th).

Applications can be picked up in the Student Life Office, the Umoja Village (Math room 109) and the Transfer Center.

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December 5, 2013 - Winter Celebration: TBD

November 25th and 27th - Thanksgiving Basket Drive in the Umoja Village Math Building Rm. 109

Thanksgiving Baskets for Students in Need!

November 25th & 27th

Sign up sheet outside of MA-109

Very Limited Availability! Please Sign Up!



The Umoja Scholars Program and the LMC Community will be giving away Thanksgiving Baskets to students in need. A sign up sheet will be located outside of the Umoja Village (room 109 in the Math building). Baskets will be given on a first-come-first-serve basis so please sign up as soon as possible.

The baskets will be given out on Monday, November 25th and Wednesday, November 27th. Students will be contacted using the information provided on the sign-up sheet and will be scheduled to come by the Umoja Village to pick-up the basket.



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For More Information Contact: The Umoja Scholars Program: 925-439-2181 ext. 3432

October 30th 1pm -2:30pm - Motivational Speakers Series: Dr. Jamal Cooks

This Wednesday, October 30th from 1:00 pm -2:00 pm in the Library Community Room, the Umoja Scholars Program will host its first speaker in its Motivational Speaker Series. The featured guest will be San Francisco State English Professor, Dr. Jamal Cooks. Dr. Cooks has published a variety of writings on African American literacy and culturally relevant pedagogy, he volunteers as the Head Coach for an elite track club for inner city youth in Oakland, and travels the country speaking on topics such as Urban Literacy, Cultural Communication and Education. Dr. Cooks will be discussing his educational journey and advising students on how to succeed in college. Please encourage your students to attend, all are welcome.

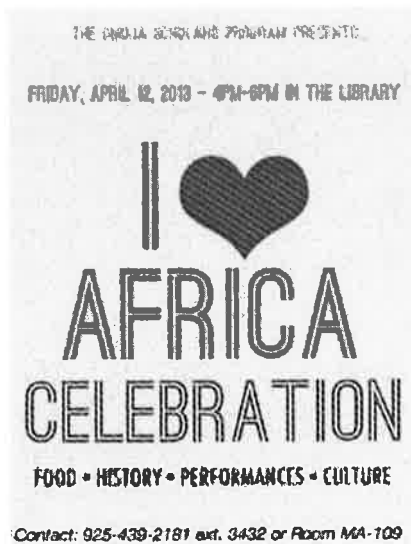
SUMMER 2013

SPRING 2013

April 12th 4pm-6pm in L109: I Love Africa Celebration!

The Umoja Scholars Program will be hosting an African Celebration. This celebration will include history presentations on East, West, South, Central and North Africa; performances of various cultural dances and songs; and African food prefaced by a brief presentation on the origins of the food. This event will take place in the Library Community Room (L109) from 4pm-6pm on Friday, April 12th and is open to all LMC students, staff and faculty.

For more information contact the Umoja Village/room MA-109: 925-439-2181 ext. 3432



March 30th 1pm-4pm in L109: Ladder to Success Career Mentor Luncheon

The Umoja Scholars Program will be hosting its annual Ladder to Success Career Mentor Luncheon on Saturday, March 30th from 1pm-4pm. This luncheon is designed to pair eligible Umoja Scholars with a professional in the career field of his or her interest. It's an excellent opportunity for both students and mentors.

February 28th: "Living the Dream" - A Black History Month Celebration



FALL 2012

December 6th: Winter Celebration

Health and Wellness in the African American Community: Mind, Body & Soul Workshop - November 21st, 12pm-2pm in L109.

The Umoja Scholars Program will be hosting a workshop that addresses mental, physical and spiritual health in the African American community. This event will take place in the Library Community Room (L109) from 12pm-2pm on Wednesday, November 21st and is open to all LMC students, staff and faculty.

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Thanksgiving Basket Drive - November 19th & 20th in room MA-109

* Interested students must be a current student and have a Student ID#.