

UMOJA PROGRAM SCHOLARS (UPS)

Umoja Program Scholars (UPS) actively serves students and promotes academic success for all, with a special emphasis on African-American students. The program is designed to help students make a smooth transition to college and successfully transfer to a four-year university.

The Umoja Program Scholars curriculum is designed to improve skills in reading, writing, and critical thinking. Umoja Program Scholar's faculty and staff firmly believe that all students can and will learn when given "intentional and deliberate" guidance and instructional support.

PROGRAM GOALS

"Educated, Alive and Free"

- To enhance the cultural and educational experience of students by exposing them to knowledge and ideas that are Afrocentric.
- To increase student success in the achievement of academic goals.
- To provide students with the knowledge, skills and resources to make healthy life and lifestyles decisions. Keep students alive and free from violence, incarceration, unhealthy relationships and drugs.

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Umoja is a *Kiswahili* word meaning *unity and focusing on the importance of togetherness among family and the community.*

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Benefits For Students

Umoja Program Scholars at Solano Community College is open to all students and is specifically designed to increase the retention, success, graduation, and transfer rates of students of African ancestry.

With emphasis on topics relevant to the African-American experience, the curriculum focuses on improving reading, writing, self-discipline, and critical thinking skills. Program counselors also provide assistance with personal issues that often hinder students from succeeding in an educational environment.

Umoja Program Scholars program staff are “intentional and deliberate” in providing students with a variety of tools and resources which help them in achieving their goals. Instructors, counselors, and program staff also use community building strategies to enhance learning potential.

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VISION STATEMENT

Umoja Program Scholars is a powerful experience that transforms and touches students’ lives by providing a supportive and safe learning environment where every voice is heard and acknowledged.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Success in Umoja Program Scholars Requires Students To:

- Possess a high level of motivation and dedication to education
- Participate in Umoja Program Scholar activities.
- Meet with Umoja Program Scholars counselor twice each semester
- Take advantage of resources offered to ensure academic and personal success.

Benefits of participating in Umoja Program Scholars include:

- ⇒ Access to a strong support system and **personal attention**
- ⇒ Integrated instruction from caring faculty and staff



UMOJA PROGRAM SCHOLARS (UPS) OFFERS:

- Academic, career, and personal counseling
- A culturally-based instructional approach to learning
- Academic courses which are student centered
- Degree and transfer courses
- Development of critical thinking, reading, and writing skills
- College workshops, guest speakers, professional mentors, and college tours
- Culturally enriched educational activities and field trips
- One-on-one and group tutoring
- Summer Orientation Program
- Umoja Program Scholars Learning Community (Fall and Spring)
- College Orientation

For more information (including student testimonials), please visit: www.solano.edu/umoja