



JOIN THE UMOJA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

YOUR'RE INVITED: CALLING ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS



L-R (Back Row): Ray Green, Rahma Mohamoud Student Board Member, Crystal Gitonga Student Board Member, Maurice Goodman VP and Pres Elect, Laurin Williams Dr. John Parker, Dr. Eric Mayes Chief Executive Officer UCEF, L-R (Seated Row): Dr. Teresa Aldredge Treasurer, Eric Ivory Umoja Elders Council, Dr. Lisa Cooper Wilkins Board President, Dr. Judy Mays 21st Annual Umoja 2025 Conference VIP Reception in San Jose, CA.

MISSION STATEMENT

Umoja provides transformative education and advances student excellence through a curriculum, community, and set of practices that honor and are responsive to the legacy of African Americans and the African diaspora.

VISION STATEMENT

Umoja is the preeminent global educational organization providing transformative, emancipatory education to uplift and inspire academic excellence and self-actualization for African American and other students.

HOW DO I SHARE MY INTEREST?

Interested candidates may submit their resume/CV and a letter of interest to the Umoja Board of Directors Governance Committee by e-mailing Boardrecruitment@umojacommunity.org. The deadline is April 30, 2026.



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UMOJA BOARD MEMBER POSITION

The Umoja Community Education Foundation is a non-profit of higher education leaders, educators, and business professionals committed to the academic success, personal growth, and self-actualization of African American and other students in the California Community College system.

Why become an Umoja board member?

- **Advance Educational Equity:** Help guide initiatives that expand access and opportunity for Black and other students across California.
- **Provide Strategic Leadership:** Contribute your expertise to strengthen Umoja's governance, strategy, and long-term impact.
- **Engage with Influential Leaders:** Collaborate with leaders across higher education, philanthropy, and public policy.
- **Strengthen a Statewide Movement:** Support a nationally recognized network working to improve student success and community outcomes.

What is the Board Member Commitment?

- Full engagement in meetings, strategic planning, fund development and advocacy
- Four to six hours per month (volunteer, non-compensated)
- Annual financial contribution consistent with Board expectations
- Participation in statewide Umoja activities and events

Ideal Candidates for the Umoja Board of Directors

Umoja seeks accomplished leaders committed to advancing educational equity, student success, and community impact. Ideal board members bring professional expertise and a passion for supporting Black students and other historically underserved communities.

Professional backgrounds may include:

- Higher education leadership (presidents, deans, faculty, Umoja practitioners)
- Attorneys, civil rights advocates, or policy leaders
- Finance professionals (CPAs, financial planners, auditors)
- Corporate and nonprofit executive leaders
- Community organizers and social justice advocates

Desired experience includes:

- Proven leadership and strategic decision-making
- Board or nonprofit governance experience
- Financial oversight or policy expertise
- Commitment to Umoja's mission and African-centered principles

Join us in helping guide a powerful movement advancing student success across California.

MORE INFO: umojacommunity.org/boardrecruitment