



STUDENT LEADERS - JOIN THE UMOJA COMMUNITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

UMOJA STUDENT BOARD MEMBER POSITION

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

Why become an Umoja Student Board Member?

Becoming a Student Board member of the Umoja Community Education Foundation is a challenging but exciting opportunity to serve and learn. The expectations and responsibilities of this position require that one will assume a leadership role and provide the student perspective on issues facing the Foundation in the states of California and Washington. Benefits include impactful networking, access to leaders in the public educational systems, and collaboration with key voices including students, educators, policymakers, and other stakeholders

What are the Qualifications? Students must be:

The Umoja Community Education Foundation seeks student leaders who are committed to advancing educational equity and representing the student voice in board governance.

Ideal student board members will:

- Be currently enrolled in an Umoja program and in good academic standing
- Demonstrate leadership experience and a commitment to student success
- Communicate thoughtfully and professionally while representing the student perspective
- Show curiosity, openness to learning, and interest in nonprofit governance
- Commit approximately 4-6 hours per month to Board service and participation

Serving as a Student Board Member offers the opportunity to develop leadership skills, contribute to strategic decision-making, and collaborate with educators, policymakers, and community leaders.

What are the Responsibilities?

The Umoja Community Education Foundation seeks student leaders who are committed to advancing educational equity and representing the student voice in board governance.

Student Board Members are expected to:

- Participate in Board meetings and fulfill assigned commitments
- Build relationships within the Umoja community
- Learn about Umoja's mission, philosophy, and programs
- Prepare for Board and committee meetings by reviewing materials
- Attend at least one Umoja event annually (Annual Conference, Regional Symposium, or Summer Learning Institute)
- Follow Umoja Community Education Foundation policies and governance expectations.

L-R Crystal Gitonga Student Board Member, Laurin Williams Student Board Member at 20th Annual Umoja 2024 Conference VIP Reception in Los Angeles, 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 Students Apply?

Students must obtain a letter of nomination from their Umoja Counselor or Coordinator and submit it along with a resume (as single-email attachments) no later than April 30, 2026 to

boardrecruitment@umojacommunity.org.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact

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