What are the benefits of participating in BC’s Umoja program?

- Free Umoja ASTEP orientation.
- The opportunity to take English courses that focus on the African-American experience taught by a caring professor.
- Laptop loan program.
- Support from the Umoja ASTEP counselor who helps you plan your pathway from access to completion (graduation/transfer).
- The opportunity to take student development and English courses within a supportive, loving environment.
- End-of-the semester celebrations.
- Mentorship with BC faculty/staff/admin or community member.
- Academic and cultural trips.
- Motivational, cultural, and career workshops.
- Access to Village study sessions.
- Participation in Umoja Community state-wide events.

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- Offers programs that help students to earn certificates and associate degrees and to transfer to four-year colleges, including HBCUs.
- Has flexible scheduling - day, evening, weekend, and online classes.
- Has a vibrant, diverse student life that includes clubs, sports, musical and theatrical performances, and guest speakers.
- Is cost effective.

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What is the Umoja Community ASTEP Program?

The Umoja Community African-American Success Through Excellence and Persistence (ASTEP) is a program designed for motivated African-American students with the goal of increasing their success and graduation rates at Bakersfield College. Umoja ASTEP integrates culture, coursework, and support within a loving community. Students study works by Black authors in their English classes, are paired with a mentor, work with the Umoja ASTEP counselor to plan and stay on track to graduate, and participate in academic and cultural events. Students are encouraged to be full participants in their learning and grow into leaders and role models in their college and community.

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IF YOU WANT TO GO FAR, GO TOGETHER.
— African proverb

Apply now for support in achieving your academic goals:

- Complete your FAFSA application for financial aid, so you have your money by the time school starts. Go to https://fafsa.ed.gov.
- Submit your application to BC at https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/apply.
- Apply for the Umoja Community ASTEP program at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/student/AAI/Umoja.
- Meet with Umoja ASTEP coordinator and counselor.

Umoja Courses (African-American focus):
- English 1a (Expository Comp)
- English 1b (Intro to Types of Lit)
- English 50 (Intro to College Composition)
- Library 1 (Introduction to Research)
- Student Development (College Success)
- Math 22 (Statistics)
- Astronomy 2 (Life in the Universe)
- Communication 1 (Public Speaking)
- Communication 8 (Small Group Communication)
- Music (Jazz Appreciation)

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