



BLACK STUDENT
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Black Student Success Center

& Umoja Sakhu Learning Community

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Our Mission

We strive to foster a campus that enthusiastically welcomes, celebrates, and supports Black students as they authentically engage in the ARC experience. Our efforts are designed to connect Black students to the programs, people, and resources that will nurture academic and personal growth.

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What We Do

We offer culturally relevant and responsive programming and resources for students of African descent.

- Make referrals to community and campus resources
- Culturally relevant core GE courses
- Dedicated Umoja Sakhu/Unite Center Counseling Appointments
- Student development and leadership training through programming (Village Time, conferences, etc.)
- Field Trips to cultural events and regional universities
- Tutoring/study skills support
- Safe space/nurturing community



WHY BSSC & Umoja Sakhu work together seamlessly to serve Black/African American students at ARC



- To increase opportunities for affirmation of cultural identity
- Research documents that Black/African American students who are exposed to African centered programming are likely to experience...
 - Increased self-esteem/self concept
 - Academic motivation
 - Stronger self-determination
 - Lower psychological distress
 - Greater pride in cultural heritage
 - Increased ability to adjust to predominantly white institutions



Black Student Success Center Programs

- Umoja Sakhu Learning Community

- A2MEND Charter
- Black Student Union (Student Club)

- Black Parliament (Faculty/Staff Advisory Committee)

- Blackademics Canvas Community

- Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT)



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Blackademic Canvas Shell

- A way to communicate resources, events and services to a greater number of Black/African American students (program peer tutors, Virtual Village, campus workshops, college services, etc.)
- A smaller community within the larger campus environment
- A safe space for Black/African American students to reach out to college staff that want to assist them (Student Support Team identified on BSSC website)





Student Barriers

- Financial Needs
- Quick, convenient access to a Counselor (year round)
- Tutoring/Academic Support
- Housing
- Transportation (car repairs)
- Emergency funds
- Technology
- Employment-Workforce
- Dedicated Financial Aid Liaison



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Programmatic Challenges

Needs for 2022-2024

- Counselor – .70 (.2 Full-time Counselor & .5 Adjunct Counselors)
- BSSC 1.0 Specialist
- 2 Temp SPAs OR 1.0 SPA
- Student Peer Tutors (4)
- Equipment- Laptops, monitors, printer, scanner, tablet etc....
- Funds to meet students' immediate needs
 - Food for village time
 - Travel & Conference/PD
 - Gas cards
 - Multiple sources of funding streams • • •





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Thank you

Do you have any questions???

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