

Student Equity & Engagement Programs

Umoja

Donovan Harris

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Donovan Harris exemplifies the spirit of resilience, growth, and community leadership that defines an outstanding Umoja scholar. While Donovan began his journey with limited availability for Umoja events, he has undergone a remarkable transformation—emerging as a dedicated participant and an inspiring presence within the program.

Over the past year, Donovan has not only volunteered for Umoja events but has also stepped into visible leadership roles, including speaking at campus functions, participating in the A2MEND, and HBCU Tour trips, and engaging actively in Umoja workshops and circles. His evolution from observer to advocate has been both powerful and heartening.

Donovan is a valued peer, a budding entrepreneur, and a role model among his fellow scholars. He has consistently contributed to the Brother Circle, championed mental health awareness, and advocated for student well-being. As a student-athlete, Donovan has faced and overcome adversity with integrity and perseverance, using his voice to uplift others and create space for honest conversations about struggle, success, and community.

His growth and commitment make him a deserving recipient of the Outstanding Student of the Year award.