

# Umoja

## Sabrina Machira

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Sabrina Machira is an exceptional student leader whose impact on the SBCC community reflects the highest standards of excellence, service, and cultural leadership.

Through her vision and dedication, Sabrina developed and led *Echoes of the Motherland*, a powerful, student-centered initiative that brought together a full week of programming focused on cultural celebration, connection, and community building. Her work created intentional spaces for students to engage in meaningful dialogue, express identity, and foster a deeper sense of belonging. Signature events such as a cultural potluck and Kwanzaa celebration demonstrate her ability to turn vision into meaningful, community-driven experiences.

In addition to her programming leadership, Sabrina serves as an Umoja Ambassador and student worker, where she plays a critical role in supporting the program's day-to-day operations. She actively contributes to tutoring efforts, student outreach, and recruitment, consistently stepping up to ensure students feel connected, supported, and engaged.

Sabrina has also demonstrated leadership at the institutional level. She spoke before the SBCC Board, advocating for the importance of Umoja programming and the need to better support student athletes who relocate to attend SBCC and often face housing insecurity. She shared thoughtful, solution-oriented ideas on how the college can better support and house these students, using her voice to elevate issues that directly impact her peers.

Sabrina's leadership is grounded in purpose, service, and a deep commitment to community. She consistently shows up with authenticity and care, working to uplift student voice and create spaces where students feel seen and valued. Her contributions extend beyond individual achievement.

She is actively shaping a more inclusive, supportive, and responsive campus environment.

Sabrina embodies what it means to lead with intention and integrity. Her impact is both immediate and lasting, and her presence continues to inspire those around her.

For these reasons, I strongly nominate Sabrina Machira for the Outstanding Student Award.