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WORLD'S LARGEST KINARA ON DISPLAY AT CAMPUS MARTIUS DURING KWANZAA

Umoja Debate Team joins history as they present on Kwanzaa's first Principle Umoja during the lighting of the Kinara.



This winter, in celebration of Kwanzaa, Umoja Debate Team participated in Detroit's first Kwanzaa celebration. Detroit welcomed the world's largest Kwanzaa Kinara to Campus Martius in downtown Detroit as part of the first Motor City Kwanzaa Celebration. This was made possible through collaboration between the Downtown Detroit Partnership, Alkebu-Lan Village, Councilman Scott Benson, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, and the City of Detroit. The Motor City Kwanzaa Celebration kicked off on the first day of Kwanzaa, December 26, 2022 at Beacon Park.

During the celebration, Umoja Debate Team presented on the first principle of Kwanzaa, Umoja, or Unity. Umoja Debate Team informed the community about the organization, the impact that has been made, and future goals, as well as the importance of Unity throughout their journey.

Following the presentation, was the lighting of the “Umoja” candle on the 30-foot-tall kinara as well as a demonstration and discussion on the seven principles of Kwanzaa: Unity, Self-determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, and Faith.

“Umoja Debate Team is the epitome of what it looks and feels like to bring the people together in a collaborative effort to get things done. I am so excited to be a part of this amazing celebration and to make history in my city,” said Umoja’s Vice President, Jaida Morgan.

Click link below for video of Umoja Debate Team’s presentation: [Detroit Kwanzaa Celebration 2022](#)

About Umoja Debate Team: *Umoja Debate Team is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We are a youth debate team based in Detroit, MI. By using debate as our vehicle, we provide students with the opportunity for self expression, critical thinking skills, and conflict resolution skills.*
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