Friday Connections

**Connection: Black Girls Rock**

Description: Black Girls Rock will be a connection that will provide women who identify with the African Diaspora, with academic, social, personal, and spiritual support. Facilitators will guide the students through transitional topics with creativity and thoughtfulness. Students will leave the connection prepared to be strong role models in the community and be prepared to succeed both academically and socially.

Location: 127 South Hall

**Connection: Europeans in Davis**

Description: Connect with other Freshmen and transfers arriving at UC Davis from European countries. Together we will discuss the many cultural differences of life and college in the US, and more specifically, California. Facilitators will help you navigate campus, utilize helpful resources and familiarize yourselves with all that Davis and the surrounding regions have to offer. This is a great opportunity to connect with peers who are coming from a similar background and are facing similar challenges.

Location: Regain Main

**Connection: First Scholars**

**This Connection is for freshmen only**

Description: First Scholars: Are you the first in your family with the opportunity to go to college? Do you want to be the first in your family to graduate from college? Join other first-generation college students and share experiences and support, as well as strategies for how to successfully navigate this large university, so you can throw your graduation cap up in the air June, 2020!

Location: Wall Hall Main Lounge

**Connection: Navigating Aggie Pathways**

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Location: Segundo Services Center Recreation Room

**10:00am-11:50am**

**Connection: Waging War, Waging Peace**

**This is a for-credit Connection open to freshmen students only**

Description: This seminar will provide an overview of conflict and cooperation in international relations. Drawing upon past and contemporary conflicts, the seminar will encourage students to critically reflect on issues of global politics, political violence and peacemaking. The seminar is highly interactive and students will have the opportunity to simulate a Model United Nations debate and peace negotiations using real world case studies. Students will also be asked to conduct independent research on a conflict of their choice (following guided “building block” research steps).

Location: 70 SS&H
To join this Connection, register with the CRN 34915

**11:00am-11:50am**

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Location: Segundo Services Center Recreation Room
12:10pm-1:00pm

Connection: Creative Writing Cohort

Description: The Creative Writing Cohort is open to anyone interested in the creative writing process (including fiction, poetry/spoken word, and non-fiction). Join this community for weekly sessions to keep you inspired with relaxed free-writes and a safe place to workshop your drafts. In addition to practicing and refining your work, you'll be connected with writing resources on campus and in the local community.

Location: Mrak Rooms:  9/30 – Mrak 203
                     10/7 – Mrak 61
                     10/14 – Mrak 203
                     10/21 – Mrak 203
                     10/28 – Mrak 203
                     11/4 – Mrak 61
                     11/18 – Mrak 203
                     12/2 – Mrak 61

Link to Register:  https://myrecreation.ucdavis.edu/index.aspx?view=item&item=29566

1:10pm-2:00pm

Connection: Start Thinking Like a Teacher

Description: Are you thinking about a career in teaching? In our meetings we will explore how thinking like a teacher shapes how you view the classroom and what you get out of your own education. Participants will be expected to make at least one classroom observation of your choice and be prepared to discuss it with the group. Additional expectations include watching selected short videos/TED talks about education and educators and participating in discussions.

Location: 3216 Dutton
Link to Register:  https://myrecreation.ucdavis.edu/index.aspx?view=item&item=29561

2:10pm-3:00pm

Connection: Aggie for the Arts

Description: Aggies for the Arts will introduce new UC Davis students to on-campus venues for the performing and visual arts, including the Mondavi Center and two buildings slated to open in Fall 2016: the Shrem Manetti Art Museum and the Department of Music's Ann E. Pitzer Center. Participants will attend a concert together, take a tour of the Mondavi Center, and be introduced to special opportunities such as the Mondavi Center's free ticket offer for first-year students.

Location: Regan Main Lounge
Link to Register:  https://myrecreation.ucdavis.edu/index.aspx?view=item&item=29756
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Location: Wall Hall Main Lounge  

**3:10pm-4:00pm**

**Connection: First Year Recreation**

Description: The First Year Recreation Connection is all about connecting with advisers, exploring career paths, learning about student employment, and connecting with the campus community, all while competing in an intramural sport, learning to climb on the rock wall, taking a group exercise class or tapping into your creative side at the Craft Center. Come learn about many of the resources available to you as a UC Davis student while having fun and recreating with Campus Recreation Professionals.

Location: ARC Meeting Room 1 except for 10/7, when the Connection meets in ARC Meeting Room 2  