What’s happening Week 9?

Nominate UCLA’s Next Common Book
Nominate your favorite book and it may be selected as UCLA’s next Common Book! This year, they are especially interested in collecting nominations that address mental health/wellness issues. The hope is to have UCLA’s next Common Book support our campus’ Depression Grand Challenge as well as the Healthy Campus Initiative. Nominated books will be reviewed on the basis of readability, relatability, opportunities for student engagement and our Common Book goals. The Common Book goals are (1) Share and understand diverse perspectives in a respectful way; (2) Build a community of intellectually-engaged learners; (3) Explore their role in creating a just society; and (4) Consider critical action steps that can be taken in response to their Common Book experience. To nominate your book, fill out the book nomination information at http://www.firstyearexperience.ucla.edu/Common-Book/Nominate-UCLAs-Next-Common-Book.

Spring into Research Program
Spring into Research is a program that aims to support freshmen, sophomores, and first-year transfers who are interested in pursuing undergraduate research in the humanities, arts, or social sciences. The selected participants will not be required to conduct research during the program, but will learn about the opportunities available for undergraduate research at UCLA, tips to get started and find a faculty mentor, along with strategies, tools, and resources available to support each stage of the research process. Program participants will also receive a $350 scholarship. To be eligible for the Spring into Research program, students: Must be a UCLA freshman, sophomore, or first-year transfer student, cannot be a current or previous recipient of a research program scholarship through the Undergraduate Research Centers or AAP, must be available and commit to attending all required workshops held on Thursdays, from 4-5pm on April 6th, April 13th, April 20th, April 27th, May 11th, and May 18th, must be available to attend portions of Undergraduate Research Week between Tuesday, May 23rd and Thursday, May 25th, and must complete and submit all parts of the program application by 11:59pm on Sunday, March 12th. The program application and further details are available at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpringIntoResearch2017.
Maximize your time at UCLA and gain a well-rounded and fulfilling undergraduate experience by engaging in campus opportunities. Below are just a few of the many programs and resources available to students.

**Center for American Politics and Public Policy (CAPPP)**
CAPPP promotes significant research on American politics and public policy, creates programs that educate students about our nation’s political and governmental processes, and provides ideas, scholarship, and knowledge to inform policy makers and other interested publics in California and the nation. CAPPP provides students the opportunity to spend a quarter in Washington, D.C. The program offers a structured and supportive introduction to independent research, intensive attention to students' intellectual development and writing skills, exciting internships, and the chance to make life-long career connections at the national level. Applications for Winter 2018 are due on May 5, and can be found at http://cappp.ucla.edu/quarter-in-washington/how-to-apply/

**UCLA California Teach**
The goal of our program is to encourage UCLA students who are studying math, science, and engineering to consider teaching math and science as a possible career. As such, we offer guided exploration of teaching as a career, and additional support and pathways for those who decide that teaching is for them! UCLA California Teach offers quarterly seminars and internships in elementary, middle, and high schools (science focus and math focus), a summer internship program, a Science Education Minor and Teaching Secondary Mathematics Minor, scholarships, and more! To get more information, and to decide if teaching is right for you, visit http://cateach.ucla.edu/

**Startup UCLA**
Startup UCLA was established in 2012 with the first Summer Accelerator for UCLA students/alumni to develop their tech-startups during a ten-week highly intensive program. The Summer Accelerator provides early-stage startups with a workspace and guidance by top entrepreneurs, investors and skill experts. The ten-week program incorporates best practices and knowledge in entrepreneurship, technology, and design. The teams travel to the Bay Area to visit venture capital firms and startup entrepreneurs, making valuable connections while getting constructive feedback on their pitches from industry professionals. Startup UCLA also features Blackstone LaunchPad, which is a campus based entrepreneurship program, accessible by over 630K students globally, designed to support and mentor students, staff and alumni – regardless of major, experience or discipline. Applications for Summer 2017 Summer Accelerator are due on April 8. More information on the program, and applications, can be found at http://startupucla.com/apply/

**CONDUITS**
Are you looking for hidden campus gems to enhance your time at UCLA? Look no further! Every week Conduits will feature a campus resource, selected by our very own ASK Peer Counselors, that will help you maximize your academic and social experience at UCLA.

The Life Sciences Collective at UCLA is a program composed of undergraduate students and graduate student advisors, that aims to increase retention and provide resources and support to students in the life sciences. Some of the services that the Life Sciences Collective provides are academic planning parties and online office hours. Academic planning parties are hosted by graduate mentors and upperclassmen who offer suggestions and advice about which classes to take in the future. Online office hours are held quarterly and provide information about preparing for office hours or interpreting midterm grades. Additionally, the Life Sciences Collective provides several mentoring and networking opportunities for students who wish to connect more with professors and graduate students. To learn more about the other services and events that the Life Sciences Collective offers, visit their website at http://thelscollectiveucla.org.