

What's *really* important in high school?

Talent? Athletic skills? Image? ...

Not really. What matters is character. Character makes you strong. Character endures after these others are long gone.

Ahead gives you the practical, intellectual, and moral foundation to be a man of character. Through a combination of classes, one-on-one mentoring, and career presentations by successful professionals, it helps you develop the skills and attitude necessary to be effective in college, and later as a father and professional.

The Ahead sessions are held at **Tilden Study Center**, an educational non-profit dedicated to the intellectual, cultural, and spiritual development of young men, especially students. The Christian orientation of the activities sponsored by Tilden is entrusted to **Opus Dei**, a prelature of the Catholic Church. More information about Opus Dei is available on the website: www.opusdei.org.



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AHEAD

leadership
seminars

2023-2024
8th-12th grade



WHAT IS AHEAD?

Ahead is a series of Leadership Seminars designed to offer high school students the practical, intellectual, and moral preparation they need in life. Our program meets one Saturday per month throughout the school year. It combines classes, one-on-one mentoring, career presentations, virtue talks, and a period of intense study.

LOCATION & DETAILS

Tilden Study Center
655 Levering Avenue
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SCHEDULE:

12:00 Seminar begins
12:30/1:30 Lunch: younger/older group
4:00 Seminar ends

DATES:

Sep 16, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16, Jan 20
Feb 10, Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18

FORM & PAYMENT

The application form can be filled out online at www.tildensc.org/wp/ahead.

The fee for the program is \$450 (\$400 if applying by September 11). Payments can be made online or by check payable to **Tilden Study Center**. You can pay all at once or in installments.

CURRICULUM | 8th graders

SEP 16	Setting Goals for the Future
OCT 21	Living with Authority
NOV 18	The Importance of Friendship
DEC 16	Relationships and Dating
JAN 20	Staying Focused
FEB 10	Effective Studying
MAR 16	True Manliness
APR 20	Conflict Resolution
MAY 18	What Makes You Happy?

CURRICULUM | FRESHMEN

The Tilden Forum

As you begin high school, there is a temptation to treat school as simply a means to an end: getting good grades, to get into a better college, to get a better job. Although getting a good job is one benefit of education, this seminar will help you to pursue not simply “academic success,” but also love for learning and an “intellectual life.” It will explore philosophical themes and techniques of effective study; it will center on careful consideration of key issues and lively debate among participants.

CURRICULUM | SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

Professional Speakers

To help guide you in your choice of a professional career, guest speakers from a variety of fields—including medicine, business, media, and law—will give presentations on their professions. These presentations will also highlight how professional excellence can enable you to have a positive impact on culture and the world around you.

CURRICULUM | SENIORS

Philosophy Seminar

The philosophy seminar will be taught by Dr. Christopher Kaczor, Professor of Philosophy at Loyola Marymount University. An award-winning author, his books include *Thomas Aquinas on the Cardinal Virtues*, *The Ethics of Abortion*, *Disputes in Bioethics*, and *The Seven Big Myths about Marriage*.



MENTORING

Each month you can meet with a mentor who will help you set practical goals based on the materials presented in the seminars.

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ABOUT US

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