

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

2024-2025
8th-12th grade



CURRICULUM | 8th graders

Life Choices Seminar

Now more than ever our country needs great leaders who are both effective and oriented toward the good. This seminar will lay the foundation for a life of virtue by exploring the key pillars of work, friendship, citizenship, and fatherhood. Each session includes an informative talk and an engaging group activity, providing a great opportunity to learn and grow together. The Life Choices Seminar will prepare you for the important decisions you'll make in high school and beyond. Don't miss this chance to set yourself up for a successful future!

CURRICULUM | FRESHMEN

The Tilden Forum

The goal of the Tilden Forum is to equip you with skills that will complement your academic learning in high school. Each session of the Tilden Forum starts with a hands-on problem-solving competition, like building the strongest bridge. After that, we'll have a class and activity to learn and practice the arts of logic, rhetoric, and debate. Throughout each session, you will learn the skills and strategies you need to engage any challenge, becoming a more effective student and a better person.

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. Scott Roniger, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Loyola Marymount University. Dr. Roniger publishes on such themes as metaphysics, Catholic social teaching, and ethics, recapitulating themese in Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, and Aquinas.



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

Tilden Study Center is an educational non-profit dedicated to the intellectual, cultural, and spiritual development of young men, especially students. You can learn more about the other programs we offer at tildensc.org.



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
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SCHEDULE:

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

DATES:

Sep 21, Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 21, Jan 18
Feb 15, Mar 15, Apr 19, May 17

FORM & PAYMENT

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

The fee for the program is \$525 (\$475 if applying by August 15). Payments can be made online or by check payable to **Tilden Study Center**. You can pay all at once or in installments.