

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

2025-2026
8th-12th grade



8th GRADERS

A Crash Course on Friendship

Now more than ever our country needs great leaders who understand the value of friendship. Each session of this seminar includes an informative talk and an engaging group activity. This seminar will help you learn, understand, and practice the key skills (communication, etiquette, etc.) and virtues that foster successful and long-lasting friendships.

FRESHMEN

Navigating the Digital Age

This seminar will help you thrive in our complex and confusing digital age. You will learn how to distinguish truth from falsehood, good from evil, and beauty from ugliness. There will also be practical classes on the academic and intellectual skills needed to thrive at high school and beyond.

SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

College, Career, & Beyond

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. Students will prepare for the college application process and work to develop intellectual and professional interests that will serve as the foundation for their careers.

SENIORS

Philosophy Seminar

The philosophy seminar will be taught by Dr. Dale Parker, a member of the teaching faculty at Thomas Aquinas College. Dr. Parker will enable the seniors to engage with today's most common intellectual challenges to traditional philosophy and faith. Students will critically examine ideas such as hedonism, moral relativism, scientism, and skepticism through the lens of classical philosophical reasoning. By rediscovering the perennial principles of truth, nature, and human dignity, students will develop the confidence and clarity to refute contemporary errors and build a foundation for a coherent, integrated worldview.



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 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20, Jan 17
Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16

FORM & PAYMENT

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

The fee for the program is \$575 (\$525 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.