

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.

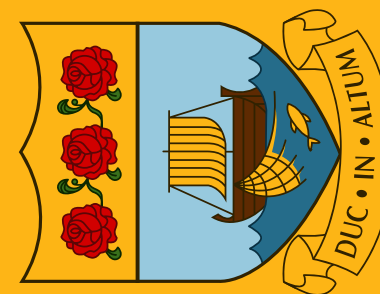


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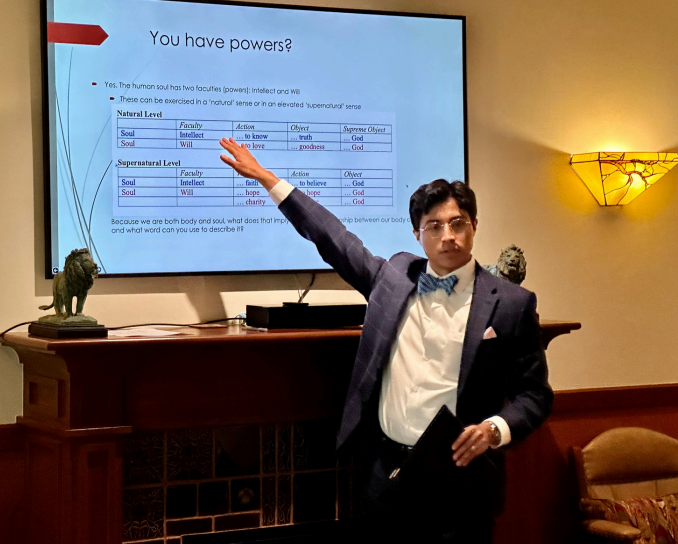
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AHEAD

leadership
seminars

2026-2027
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 to be leaders who can change the world. Our program meets on the third Saturday of each month throughout the school year. It combines classes, one-on-one mentoring, time and space for participants to form friendships, and periods of intense study.

LOCATION & DETAILS

Tilden Study Center
655 Levering Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90024

SCHEDULE:

12:00 - 4pm Ahead Seminars
4 - 4:45pm Meditation by Fr. Leo (optional)

DATES:

Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19, Jan 16
Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 17, May 15

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*. Scholarships available.

8th graders

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF 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. Students will learn, understand, and practice the key skills (communication, etiquette, etc.) and virtues that foster successful and long-lasting friendships.

freshmen

VIRTUE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

We now live in the digital age of computers, the Internet, and now AI. This new social reality has profound consequences, both for professionals and for youth. It presents grave challenges and new opportunities. This seminar will help the students understand what digital technology is for and how to use it well, and when not to use it at all.

sophomores & juniors

COLLEGE, CAREER, & BEYOND

The middle years of high school are the perfect time to start considering college and professional life in terms of higher ideals: cultivating the skills and knowledge necessary to serve others through one's profession. This seminar includes guest speakers from a variety of fields—including medicine, business, media, and law—who will present on their professions, showing how professional excellence can enable you to have a positive impact on culture and the world around you. Students will also prepare for the college application process and work to develop intellectual and professional interests that will serve as the foundation for their careers.

seniors

THE BIG IDEAS

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

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