



newsletter

TENLEY STUDY CENTER

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Dear Friends of Tenley,

AS WE REACH THE HALFWAY POINT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR, I wanted to give you an update on what's been happening here at Tenley.

The academic year began with Pope Francis' visit to the US. The highlight of the visit for us was the trip we organized to attend the Papal Mass in Philadelphia. More than 20 of our seminar participants headed north to be present at this historic event. Our guys gathered with thousands of other people who had come to Philadelphia to be with the Pope. The trip was a huge success!

The Tenley crew had a chance to make the news here in DC. For the Papal parade along the National Mall, JP Lechner, one of the residents here at Tenley, put together a massive banner to greet the Pope as he paraded through the ellipse. Leaving Tenley around 3am to get a front row seat in the parade, a group of almost 30 guys made their way downtown with the huge banner on their shoulders. After waiting for hours in the cold night, they unfurled the banner in a prime location. It quickly gathered attention from journalists and photographers. The picture below, showing an enthusiastic Tenley crowd, made it into hundreds of newspapers worldwide.

Shortly after the Pope's departure, our High School Seminars and Club Garrison got started. This year, once again, we surpassed the numbers of participants from last year. We also introduced two changes in the hope of improving the seminars and making them even more relevant to our students.

In Club Garrison, we added a monthly virtue talk. This lively talk is given by Daniel Glasgow, a sophomore at Catholic University, and a Tenley alumnus himself. The middle school students have learned the importance of order, diligence, sincerity and other virtues.

The second change we introduced this year is the addition of a practical section to each Freshman Seminar night. For the first half of the seminar, participants learn a new concept or idea; in the second half, they find ways to make it practical in their daily lives. This new approach is helping the guys get a lot more out of each session.

Once again, thank you so much for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to drop by on a seminar night to see your donations at work!

Sincerely,

Joe Cardenas, Director
TENLEY STUDY CENTER

Tenley Study Center is dedicated to the academic and character development of men of all ages. Its activities encourage them to see their studies, work and family responsibilities from the perspective of character growth and service to others. The spiritual dimension of Tenley's activities is entrusted to Opus Dei, a personal prelature of the Catholic Church.





HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND SEMINAR

BY JAVIER MAZARIEGOS, HEIGHTS 2019)

UNTIL LAST YEAR, high school seemed to me a distant reality. Then, suddenly this past summer, I realized that high school was only a few months away. To be honest, I was excited to begin that part of my life, but was I really prepared for it? The program *High School and Beyond* definitely made sure that I was. Over the previous several summers, I had gone to *The Leadership Camp* in Pennsylvania. My final year at that camp, I was told about *High School and Beyond*. It seemed like fun so I told my friends about it and fortunately a lot of them took interest and decided to come.

The week-long program began June 14. We stayed at Warwick Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The week was a blast—one of the best weeks of my life. My friends, the staff, the food, and the program overall were extremely memorable. The seminar was designed, in a nutshell, to prepare us for the challenges of high school. This was done with classes and dynamic talks given by the staff which included Corey Larkin, JP Lechner, Ricky Ybarra, and Javi Alvarez. They fully met all the objectives of the program. Beyond that, I got so much more out of that week than I expected. For example, I learned how to make every day as productive as possible and how to play piano a lot better.

The program did a great job hitting home the importance of our spiritual growth. As JP put it so well, “your spiritual life is like the heat that makes a cake rise in the oven.” Mass, confession, the rosary, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and a meditation occurred daily. Father Gerry was on site to provide the sacraments and spiritual direction. The classes, taught by Mr. Flynn, a high school teacher from Pittsburgh, were great. His classes were especially funny and not boring in the least bit. Studious Theo Clement said “I greatly enjoyed the classes. They gave me motivation to nail high school on my path to Princeton and beyond.”

I knew it was going to be fun, but it turned out to be much better than that. We played sports for hours every day. After playing football with the staff on a real deal NCAA football field, we realized that JP Lechner must have turned



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down 6 division 1 football scholarships. As one student put it, “why didn’t the NFL take JP?” Also we found out that Ricky Ybarra can dunk when we played basketball. We went on a 10 mile hike—or it felt like—which ended in a swim. I also played ultimate Frisbee for the first time and I loved it. Rising varsity basketball player, Chase Noah, said “I’ve never had so much fun playing ball, having a good time with my friends doing something I love.” What a blast!

Another thing that made the week so much fun was the new friendships we all formed. I made some great friends from New Jersey and New York. The food was extremely good. Justin Basinger said “this is the only place that has better food than my family’s Cajun gumbo.” We had plenty of free time, activities and get-togethers. On Friday, our last full day, we put on a talent show which included a spectacular piano performance by Justin Basinger and mind blowing card Magic by Flanagan Anderson. Others entertained us with saxophone and violin. Later that night, we played capture the flag for a long time and ate bottom-less ice cream sundaes. The last day, everyone was sad but

so very glad that they had gone to *High School and Beyond*. For all of us, the experience was invaluable, and I would highly encourage any rising high school freshman to attend *High School and Beyond*.

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FROM THE DESK OF PHIL WEHLE

My dear Friends,

I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU who have been so generous and faithful in your support of Tenley this year. A number of you have been with us since the 1990s. The great spirit of generosity and self-giving shown by the first members of the Tenley Association, when it was launched by Scotty Wright some 32 years ago, continues to this day. Thanks to all of you, Tenley's programs and activities are flourishing. You are making all the difference and Tenley's staff and students are most grateful for your dedication and commitment.

If you have not yet done so, please join us in this great undertaking. For details on Tenley Study Center activities or to donate, please visit our website at www.tenley.org to see the five easy ways that you can contribute to the Center or contact me at 202.362.2419 or by email at pwehle@tenley.org. Our address is 4300 Garrison Street, NW, Washington, DC 20016.

Your contributions to the Tenley Study Center, a 501 (C) (3) corporation, are tax deductible. If you wish to donate through the Combined Federal Campaign, the number is 37306. Our United Way number is 8870. The Center's federal tax identification number is 52-1545933. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

Wishing all of you and your families a New Year filled with promise,

Phil Wehle
Director, Tenley Association



FROM THE TENLEY STUDY CENTER ARCHIVES

THE TENLEY STUDY

Center's four-year, High School Seminar Program gives students the practical, intellectual and moral foundation to be men of character, through a combination of classes, one-on-one mentoring, and career presentations by successful professionals. The seminars help students develop the skills and attitudes necessary to be effective in high school, college, and latter as fathers, professionals, and citizens. Above, Mr. James McCrery gives a talk on architecture.



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