



newsletter

TENLEY STUDY CENTER

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Dear Friends of Tenley,

WITH THE ACADEMIC YEAR NOW WELL UNDERWAY, I wanted to give you an update about how things are going here at Tenley.

I will begin by saying that Club Garrison, once again, was way oversubscribed. But fortunately, we didn't have to turn anyone down because the Reston Study Center, located in Virginia, began a parallel program meeting at the same time and date as our activities here at Tenley. Between the two centers, there are now over 65 kids involved in our Middle School activities.

Another great Club Garrison development this year has been the number of college and high school volunteers who help out with the activity. Not only do they proctor the study time and run the games, but are also helping out with the important task of mentoring.

Mike Cheely, who runs Club Garrison, has been instrumental in making all these improvements. He even organized a one-day workshop in preparation for the start of Club Garrison this academic year. The event included an overview of the program and the goals for the year, a practical class on mentoring, and a short pilgrimage to a nearby shrine.

Another great addition Mike introduced this year, was an event for dads. They had a chance to come over to Tenley, spend some time together, and have chance to learn more about the program and how they can help achieve its formational goals. More than 30 dads were able to come.

Our High School Seminars are also now well underway. Although the Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman seminars continue to attract many participants, I want to give a quick update on the Senior Seminar.

Nate Gadiano, with the support of Anthony Hadford, is once again leading seminar this year. By giving the participants a philosophical grounding in topics surrounding truth, knowledge, and the goal of human life, Nate helps them recognize and critique relativistic claims which are commonly advanced in the media, public policy, and academia. As a result, they will be better prepared to continue their intellectual and cultural development as they prepare for their college years.

To conclude, as you will see in the following pages, Michael Duncan tells us about his summer experience at the Practical Leadership Seminar. This week-long program was led by Richard Ybarra and held at the Warwick House, the Opus Dei center in Pittsburgh. Read on to learn more about it.

Once again, I am sincerely grateful for your continued support of Tenley and its formational activities.

Sincerely,

Joe Cardenas, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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.



Dear Friends of Tenley



Practical Leadership Seminar

BY MICHAEL DUNCAN (HEIGHTS 2027)

THIS SUMMER I HAD THE opportunity to attend the Practical Leadership Seminar (PLS) for rising sophomores in Pittsburgh, PA. The purpose of the seminar was to teach students to speak and write clearly and persuasively as well as to grow in their spiritual lives. Throughout the week, we received talks from professionals such as Grant Martsolf, a professor at the University of Pittsburgh, who spoke about men in the work force, and James Demasi, the head of the Beatrice Institute at Pittsburgh University, who gave a presentation on the effects of phones and social media on teenagers. My father, Judge Stuart Kyle Duncan, who is a Federal judge on the Fifth Circuit, spoke on free speech in universities, and joined us for dinner and an evening get together. The rest of the week, with the help of the PLS staff, we worked on our own presentations, which we presented to our friends and a panel of judges at the end of the week.

In between working, we played lots of sports at nearby Pittsburgh University. It was hot and sunny all week, and needless to say we were all very tired after competitive games of football, handball, and basketball, which ended prematurely due to a lightning storm. Midway through the week, we also took an urban hike through Pittsburgh and rode a trolley up Mt. Washington. We finished out the week





with a night game of capture the flag on the campus Pittsburgh University. The sports were fun and exhausting, and a good way to get our pent-up energy out after working on our presentations.

It was also a time for spiritual growth. We attended daily Mass, had frequent times of prayer including rosaries, and attended evening recollections and Adoration. The PLS staff also gave us virtue talks every day to help us improve our moral lives.

The PLS was a great experience and time of improvement. The talks and presentations were engaging, and it was good to be with my friends, as well as to grow in my spiritual life. There was good food, and plenty of it, and everyone gave fantastic presentations. In sum, it was an excellent use of time, and I highly recommend it to all rising sophomores. ★





The Tenley Study Center's FALL ENHANCEMENT



TO COMPLEMENT the beautiful fall weather here in the Washington DC area the Tenley Study Center has made some wonderful improvements to the backyard and garden. A new patio has been constructed along with a terraced stone wall that can serve as a comfortable gathering space for the residents, students and guests. On nice days and evenings talks, cookouts and a peaceful spot for prayer can now be found just a few paces out the back door of the center. ★



New LinkedIn Site for Tenley

THE TENLEY STUDY CENTER is now on LinkedIn. Our new presence on LinkedIn will facilitate enhanced communication and connections between Tenley alumni, family and friends alike. Important information and announcements can now be accessible through our new LinkedIn presence and we encourage everyone who is either using or has access to LinkedIn to please send a "Connection Invitation" to the Tenley Study Center (www.linkedin.com). The more connections we have the better a communications resource it is for everyone! ★

