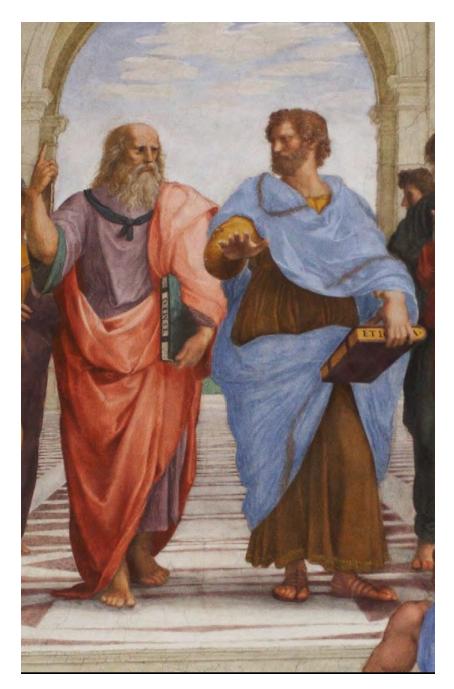
The Summit Program Austin, TX

Info Session August 16, 2019



The Grade



The Summit Program offers the practical, intellectual and moral foundation to be a man of character. The Summit is a monthly seminar that helps young men see their high school years from the viewpoint of their entire life. It encourages them to develop now the skills and attitudes they will need for future life challenges. Through a combination of classes, career presentations, and one-onone mentoring, it teaches them to be men of character who are ready for responsibility in: marriage and fatherhood, professional work, responsible citizenship, friendship with family, colleagues, neighbors, and God.

Key Challenges Facing Young Men Today*

- 1. Lack of maturity
- 2. Ubiquity of pornography
- 3. Increased competition from extracurricular activities
- 4. Decreased capacity for concentration
- 5. Harmful ideologies related to faith and morals (culture and media)

*From 2019 workshop on formation needs for young men globally, Rome, Italy, June 2019

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- Coordination Aaron Schuchart 15+ years' providing adult and youth formation
- Curriculum and Content
 - Montevista Study Center, San Antonio professional and spiritual formation for men
 - Daniel Eaton, PhD Teacher, Regents HS
 - Kevin Roberts, Executive Vice President, Texas Public Policy Foundation
 - Professional and Career Planning Local Senior Executives
 - Christian orientation of spiritual activities entrusted to Opus Dei (Work of God)
- Mentorship TBD, targeting year 2
- Sister programs in Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Chicago, and more

Formation of Youth





Decisions Made in High School

- How seriously will I take my studies? Will I develop habits of work such as concentration, fortitude, self-control?
- Will I go through high school reacting to day-to-day assignments, or will I set long-term goals and work to achieve them?
- Will I find my happiness in pleasures or in serving others?
- Will I see girls as objects or as the future wife of another man and mother of his children?

Decisions Made in High School

- Will my ethics be based on a fear of punishment or on a well-formed conscience?
- Will I choose friends after reflection (since the kind of friends I have determines in large part the kind of person I will be...)?
- Will the main goal of my summer be amusement or productive achievement (job, reading list, service work)?
- Will I develop the habit of reading?

Components

- Monthly Classes
- Social Activity
- Mentoring (year 2)



Communication with Parents



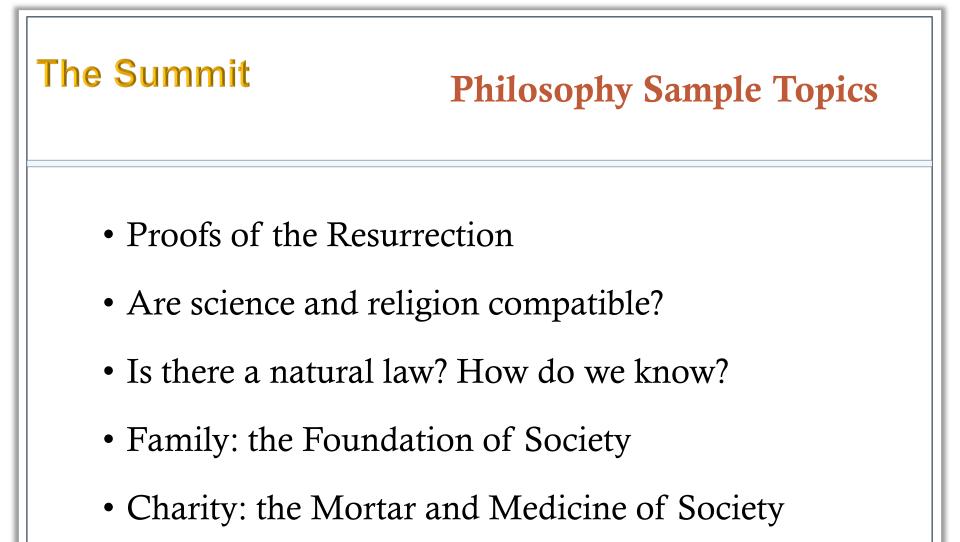
- Bedrock ideas of how to live your life
- Importance of Character
- Presented in attractive, interactive, and convincing way



Character and Virtue The Summit Sample Topics • What is Moral Excellence? • Prudence, Courage and Temperance • The Intellectual Virtues • Friendship and the Right Life • Pleasure and the Right Life

Academic and Career Planning Sample Topics

- Tips for Organizing my Work and Studies
- Professional Etiquette: Technology & Communications
- College Application Now? Yes.
- Am I a Leader?
- Career Opportunities, Requirements, and Ethical Considerations in Medicine, Finance, Public Policy, Engineering, Law, and Biotechnology
 - Covered over two years



• Freedom and Responsibility

The Summit Common Questions • Is this realistic? • Doesn't my son get this at school?

• Is it practical?

The Summit Who is it for? Responsible young men desiring to grow in virtue • Students who take school seriously (it is not a remedial program) *Good* families like yours where parents make the effort to

raise happy, outstanding, generous family men and citizens capable of positively impacting the culture and society

Draft Curriculum

Date	Philosophy Topic	Virtue Discussion	Career Planning	Other
9/21	Faith and Reason	What is Freedom?	Career Planning Basics	
10/12	Historical Data for the	What Makes You	Medical Profession	
	Resurrection	Happy?		
11/16	The Resurrection as the Best	What is Virtue?	TBD	
	Explanation of the Historical			
	Data			
12/7	None	Service	None	Service Project (Nursing Home or Soup Kitchen)
1/18	Arguments against Miracles	To Be a Man	What is a Leader?	
2/8	A Causal Argument against Naturalism	Prudence	Careers in Finance	
3/14	None	Leadership	None	Texas History Museum
4/18	An argument against naturalism from dualism	Perseverance	Deep work = Meaningful Work	
5/9	An argument against naturalism from the origin of life	Courtesy and Refinement	What is Possible with Biotechnology?	

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