



THE PROGRAM

High school matters. Your decisions and achievements in these years determine your college choices. More importantly, they determine the type of person you will be.

Personal Development

The Edge is a four-year program that gives you the practical, intellectual and moral foundation to be a man of character. Through a combination of seminars, one-on-one mentoring, interactive sessions, and career presentations by successful professionals, it helps you develop the skills and attitudes necessary to be effective in college and later on as a father, a professional, and a citizen.

The Edge is also an opportunity for personal development through the interaction with teachers, staff, and other motivated students who seek to make the most of their lives. From these dealings will come quality friendships that many times extend well beyond the high school years.

Mentoring

Each student is assigned a mentor who will meet individually with him each month. The mentor will help a student find practical and useful applications of the material presented at the seminars.

BIG DECISIONS

(FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES)

The Edge will challenge you to take responsibility for shaping your own life. Facing this responsibility in high school is the key for success both in college and in the larger commitments that come afterwards.

Structure of the Program

The sessions will consist of:

- A Presentation (see topics below)
- An interactive activity aimed at building critical thinking, communication skills and teamwork.
- Monthly one-on-one mentoring that focuses on setting goals and tracking progress will take place in between sessions, by appointment. Mentoring will take place at Tekesta or other convenient locations.

The Curriculum is organized in a two-year cycle that alternates from year to year between Making the Most of High School (2017-2018) and Big Decisions (2018-2019).

| DATE | TOPIC COVERED |
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| Sept 16 | Aiming High for College, the College Application Process |
| Oct 21 | Academic Achievement |
| Nov 18 | Extracurriculars: Success Outside the Classroom |
| Dec 16-17 | Career Considerations |
| Jan 20 | Reading and Intellectual Life |
| Feb 17 | Productive Use of Summer |
| Mar 17 | A Life of Service |
| Apr 21 | Character and Maturity |
| May 19 | Leadership |

"The program was very good. The mentoring helped a lot. It helped me organize myself better."

THE EDGE PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR

(JUNIORS & SENIORS)

The Edge Professional Seminar prepares Juniors and Seniors for the practical choices they will need to make in college and in professional life. It also helps students develop the character traits needed to make wise choices and carry them out effectively. The Seminar is also an opportunity to develop the habits of effective speaking and critical thinking essential for success in college and the workplace.

Structure of the Program

- Big Ideas Seminar
- Professional Career Presentation
- Mentoring

The Big Ideas Seminar is organized in a two-year cycle that alternates from year to year between the virtues which strengthen students to face the challenges of high school and college life (2016-2017) and the philosophical and ethical issues which currently dominate college campuses, both inside and outside the classroom (2017-2018).

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|-----------|------------------------------|
| Sept 16 | Humility |
| Oct 21 | Prudence |
| Nov 18 | Magnanimity |
| Dec 16-17 | Sincerity |
| Jan 20 | Loyalty |
| Feb 17 | Justice |
| Mar 17 | Fortitude |
| Apr 21 | Friendship |
| May 19 | Importance of Self-Knowledge |



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ABOUT TEKESTA STUDY CENTER

Tekesta Study Center is dedicated to the academic and character development of young men. It is owned and operated by the Kingsland Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Christian orientation of its activities is the responsibility of Opus Dei, a personal prelature of the Catholic Church (www.opusdei.org).

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, contact Carlos Alejano at (305) 710-2167 or write to tekesta@earthlink.net or visit us at www.tekesta.org.

"... it is a great way to learn about what the real business world is about. Amazing experience for high school students to learn about professionalism. Gives us the edge over others. Very good program."

LOCATION

Tekesta Study Center
4415 SW 88th Avenue, Miami, FL 33165

DATES (2017-2018)

All sessions will be held on the third Saturday of the month except on the month of December (a weekend seminar -Friday to Sunday- at Roseaire) and in the month of April.

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| September 16 | February 17 |
| October 21 | March 17 |
| November 18 | April 21 |
| December 16-17* | May 19 |
| January 20 | <i>*Held at Roseaire</i> |

TIME

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

REGISTRATION

Apply online at www.tekesta.org
Application deadline: September 5

PAYMENT

The cost of the Seminar is \$300.
Checks may be made payable to Kingsland Foundation, Inc.

(Financial considerations should not prevent anyone from attending. A scholarship may be requested.)



Academic Year 2017-2018

**A Leadership Program for
Young Men Grades 9 - 12**

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