

# The Launch



## About Darien

Darien Study Center supports educational and cultural initiatives that help young students acquire valuable skills, develop character, and achieve excellence in their studies.

## How to Apply



A leadership program  
for high school  
students

Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

Sponsored by  
Darien Study Center



The Christian orientation of our activities is inspired by Opus Dei, a personal prelature of the Catholic Church.

### Who's it for

Boys in grades 9 to 12

### When

October 2017 – May 2018  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 2pm – 5pm

### Where

7800 Cass Avenue, Darien, IL 60561

### Cost

\$100 per student  
Checks payable to: [Darien Study Center](#)

### To apply

Online at: [dariencenter.org/launch](http://dariencenter.org/launch)

### More information

[launch@dariencenter.org](mailto:launch@dariencenter.org)

## About the Launch



**The Launch** prepares young high school men to excel in college and professional life. It is designed to foster effective work habits, inspire ideals of service and provide a deeper understanding of the meaning and purpose of life.



- 1 Seminar Series
- 2 Professional Mentoring
- 3 Christian Anthropology
- 4 Service Projects

## 1. Seminar Series

These interactive seminars will give you the chance to learn from business leaders, intellectuals and top professionals about their work, ongoing cultural trends, and how to prepare yourself for an exciting career starting today! Each seminar will include team activities.

### Highlights

- Professional speakers
- College preparation
- Techniques for excellence in work



## 2. Professional Mentoring

The mentoring program will pair you with a professional who will help you acquire effective work habits, get the best out of high school, prepare for college, grow in self confidence, and aspire to ideals of service.

### Highlights

- Making an effective schedule
- Setting achievable goals
- Studying smart

## 3. Christian Anthropology

Ever wondered about the meaning of life? the origin of the universe? how to know if God exists? In these sessions, you will explore the fundamental questions of human existence from a profound philosophical perspective and in the light of Christian revelation.

The Christian anthropology dialogues will be led by Fr. Derrick Esclanda (BSc. Mech Engr., PhD, Philosophy, Professor at Santa Croce in Rome and at UD (Dallas, Texas).



## 4. Service Projects

You will also get to be responsible for a service project. You will choose from a number of volunteer opportunities like coaching the grade school LEGO league or taking food/gifts to the homeless.

### Highlights

- Coaching Darien's FIRST LEGO League team
- Taking food/gifts to the homeless
- Visiting the elderly