

Speakers

- **Allan Schwarb**
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- **George Barnidge**
Insurance Actuary, RGA
- **Jason Dunkel**
Assistant Missouri Deputy Attorney General
- **Vincent Lombard**
NA Discovery Breeding Lead, Monsanto Co.
- **Dustin Baldrige**
Instructor, Pediatrics, Washington University
- **David Bennier**
Bridge Engineer, HNTB Corp., Kansas City
- **Tom Westman**
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Real Estate Developer and Founder
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A LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
FOR YOUNG MEN
GRADES 8 – 12
2017 – 2018



About Wespine Study Center

The Elements is sponsored by Wespine Study Center in Kirkwood, Missouri. For over 60 years, Wespine has offered educational programs emphasizing character development, leadership, and service for students in the greater St. Louis area.

The Christian orientation of Wespine's programs is entrusted to Opus Dei, a personal Prelature of the Catholic Church.

For more information about Opus Dei, please visit www.opusdei.org.

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Location

Wespine Study Center
100 E Essex Ave.
Kirkwood, MO 63122

Dates and Times

The Elements meets on the third Saturday of every month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., September through May.

Application and Fees

The seminar costs \$300 per participant. Interested students must submit the enclosed application with a non-refundable deposit of \$20. Applications received a month or more in advance qualify for a \$50 discount. Please make checks payable to **Wespine Study Center**.

Financial considerations should not prevent anyone from attending. Please inquire about scholarships.

For more information

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The Elements is a five-year program that provides today's young men with the elements of professional and personal excellence they need to be the leaders of society tomorrow. Through a curriculum of classes, one-on-one mentoring, interactive sessions, and career presentations by successful professionals, **The Elements** challenges students not only to excel academically, but also to stand out among their peers in character, breadth of vision, and a magnanimous spirit of service.



Mentoring

Each student is assigned a mentor who will meet individually with him between the monthly sessions. The mentor guides the student in applying the principles taught in class and helps him set goals that are important and practical. Mentoring sessions last 45 minutes and will take place at Wespine.

The Big Picture Seminar *(grades 8 – 9)*

Students need to establish the right priorities early in high school. Each session includes a talk on key choices students will need to make, followed by an interactive activity that stresses analytical thinking, communication, and teamwork.

DATE	TOPIC COVERED
September 16	<i>Setting Goals for the Future</i>
October 21	<i>Studying for Success</i>
November 18	<i>Staying Focused</i>
December 16	<i>Culture, the World of Books</i>
January 20	<i>Leadership</i>
February 17	<i>The Art of Making Friends</i>
March 17	<i>Productive Use of the Summer</i>
April 21	<i>Relationships and Dating</i>
May 5*	<i>True Manliness</i>

*The May session will be held on the 1st Saturday of the month since many graduations take place toward the latter half of May.

The Professional Seminar *(grades 10 – 12)*

High school is the time to begin thinking about career interests. Your interests will affect the college and the major you choose. It is also the time to develop the habits of effective speaking and critical thinking that are essential for success in college and the workplace. Each career presentation is followed by an interactive activity and a short talk on character development.

DATE	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TALK
September 16	<i>Morally Responsible Investing</i>
October 21	<i>How Actuaries Work</i>
November 18	<i>Serving as the State's Legal Representative</i>
December 16	<i>Crop Research</i>
January 20	<i>Personalized Medicine & Genetics Research</i>
February 17	<i>Building Complex Bridges</i>
March 17	<i>Productive Use of the Summer</i>
April 21	<i>How Software Helps Businesses</i>
May 5*	<i>Real Estate</i>

Register

NAME OF STUDENT _____

SCHOOL _____

GRADE _____ GPA _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

FATHER'S NAME _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

PARENT'S E MAIL _____

PARTICIPANT'S EMAIL _____

(Announcements for The Elements and related activities are sent via email to both parents and participants.)

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