

## **CAL Forum Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **1. What is the goal of The CAL Forum?**

The CAL Forum prepares young men to discover a professional mission in life that is best adapted to their individual talents and that will have the greatest positive impact on society. To this end, the Forum aims to provide training in the virtues and sound principles.

### **2. What is the format of the program?**

Each session includes:

- an interactive seminar on the virtues and principles common to great leaders
- a presentation by a professional from one of nine different fields in which the speaker discusses his profession, what challenges it presents, and how he handles those challenges
- individual mentoring, through which each student plans and completes a biographical report on an individual who has made a significant contribution to society.

### **3. Who is organizing the CAL Forum?**

The CAL Forum is hosted by the Berkland Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation with a board made up of UC-Berkeley professors, parents of local high school students and other local professionals who are concerned about preparing young men with outstanding character to be the future leaders in our society.

### **4. What is Garber House?**

Garber House is a center of Opus Dei dedicated to the academic and character formation of young men. It is sponsored by the Berkland Foundation. The Berkland Foundation already sponsors formative activities for college students at Garber House, and they would like to make similar activities available for high school students.

### **5. I have another commitment at the same time as two or three of the sessions. Can I still participate in the Forum?**

Yes, but each session builds on the previous one, so we strongly encourage you to attend every session. In this way you will also gain valuable experience in prioritizing your commitments. We do not pro-rate the fee based on sessions attended.

### **6. How can I get to Garber House?**

Garber House is located at 1827 Oxford Street in Berkeley, at the corner of Oxford and Hearst, just a few blocks from the Downtown Berkeley BART station. If you want to coordinate travel plans with other boys in your area or along the same BART route, feel free to contact Mark Gibson at [markgibson2@juno.com](mailto:markgibson2@juno.com) or 925-451-6251 for the East and North Bay, or Matt Bowman at [mattwbowman@gmail.com](mailto:mattwbowman@gmail.com) or 415-595-3487 for the San Francisco and South Bay areas.

### **7. I would have a hard time paying the full price. How can I apply for a scholarship?**

Please note on the application that you would like to be considered for a scholarship, and a member of the Forum staff will contact you to discuss the details.

### **8. Should we let our friends know about The CAL Forum?**

Yes. We encourage you to invite your friends to apply for The CAL Forum. When friends attend the Forum together, they reinforce each other's commitment to prepare themselves to be the true leaders of our society in the coming years. If you would like a brief presentation of the program for you and your friends, contact Mark Gibson at [markgibson2@juno.com](mailto:markgibson2@juno.com) or 925-451-6251 for the East and North Bay, or Matt Bowman at [mattwbowman@gmail.com](mailto:mattwbowman@gmail.com) or 415-595-3487 for the San Francisco and South Bay areas.