



PREPARING FOR LIFE,
LEADERSHIP, AND IMPACT.

TPUSA Unveils Turning Point Academy Prep Year: A Bold New Path for Rising Leaders

A transformative gap-year experience rooted in biblical truth, classical education, and real-world leadership

PHOENIX, Apr. 28, 2025 —Turning Point USA’s education division, Turning Point Academy, will launch Prep Year, a nine month in-residency program preparing young adults for life, leadership, and national impact this September 2025 on the beautiful campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

With many students opting not to go to college, Prep Year is an incredible opportunity for high school graduates to gain a foundation for life by studying the Great Books, America’s founding documents, and the Bible, while learning from exceptional teachers, guest speakers, and mentors.

Charlie Kirk, Founder and CEO of Turning Point USA:

“TPUSA Prep Year is a solution to the indoctrination, dysphoria, and lack of critical thinking we are seeing on college campuses today. In just nine months Prep Year

students will be better prepared for life than most college graduates. Prep Year provides future leaders with an excellent foundation in American history, the Great texts of western civilization and more, all from a Biblical worldview. Students will learn how to think critically so they can be informed citizens equipped with the tools for a life of impact. Turning Point USA is thrilled to start this new initiative and help equip next generation leaders.”

Beyond the classroom study, Prep Year students will learn practical life skills such as public speaking, self-defense, and fitness. They will be actively involved in service projects and their local community. Upon completion of the program, they will have a plan for their future career.

Hutz Hertzberg, Chief Education Officer of Turning Point Academy:

“Students today are looking for truth and mentors who live out truth. Prep Year provides a holistic educational experience that prepares students for a life of influence regardless of their future career path. By studying the Greatest Book: the Bible, the Great Books of Western Civilization, and America’s Great Documents: the founding documents, all taught by outstanding instructors, guest speakers, and mentors, these next generation leaders will gain critical thinking skills, be equipped for leadership, and grow in character and maturity.”

In its inaugural year Prep Year will impact up to 40 students and in the fall of 2026 Turning Point Academy will launch its second Prep Year location on the campus of Judson University in Elgin, Illinois.

Learn more about this program or apply online at turningpointacademy.com/prepyear.

About Turning Point USA

Turning Point USA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2012 by Charlie Kirk who was only 19 at the time. The organization’s mission is to identify, educate, train, and organize students to promote the principles of freedom, free markets, and limited government. Since its founding, Turning Point USA has embarked on a mission to build the most organized, active, and powerful conservative grassroots activist network on college campuses across the country. With a presence on over 3,500 college and high school campuses, Turning Point USA is the largest and fastest-growing youth organization in America.

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