

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE UNITED STATES

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To all Local Spiritual Assemblies
and registered Bahá'í groups

Dearest Bahá'í Friends,

We are pleased to invite interested Bahá'í young people who have heretofore not done so to participate in the first of a series of annual seminars offered to undergraduate students by the Institute for Studies in Global Prosperity (ISGP), an organization established by the Universal House of Justice.

The ISGP's series of undergraduate seminars—addressing “Participating in the Prevalent Discourses of Society”—are designed to accompany Bahá'í students as they progress through four years of undergraduate college study. Through them, students will:

- Learn the importance of action and discourse directed at social change.
- Develop a capacity for learning through action, reflection, and analysis.
- Explore a conceptual framework for contributing to civilization's advance.
- Acquire tools to better understand their culture and their studies' content.
- Feel a stronger sense of ownership of their education.

The first of the seminars will be offered this winter at:

- **Bosch Bahá'í School** in Santa Cruz, California—from **December 17 to 27**

The seminars are sponsored by the National Spiritual Assembly, which substantially underwrites their cost. A flat fee of \$440 per student contributes to the cost of room and board, as well as seminar materials. Participants are expected to remain at the institution they select for the seminar's full 11 days. A seminar brochure is attached with further details. More information can be found at the ISGP website (at www.globalprosperity.org).

To apply for the seminar at **Bosch Bahá'í School**, interested students should complete the online application—accessible by [clicking here](#)—**no later than October 16**. Applicants will receive responses by the end of October. (Inquiries about the seminar should be directed to isgp.bosch@gmail.com.)

As spaces available are limited, preference will be given to first-year undergraduate students, though those further along in their studies are welcome to apply. Other factors—such as the chronological order in which applications are received—may also be considered.

The ISGP's series of undergraduate seminars can assist young people to enter and contribute to the public discourse on the critical issues of our time with confidence and effectiveness. Please share news of these opportunities widely, especially among Bahá'í college students.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,



Kenneth E. Bowers
Secretary

Attachment