



Young Scholars Gathering

Transforming Academic Environments through Baha'i Scholarship

These Gatherings will be directed by Dr. John Hatcher,
noted author and Professor Emeritus at the University of South Florida,
and will be sponsored by the Association for Bahá'í Studies

An invitation is extended to academically motivated and intellectually curious youth and young adults who have a sincere desire to understand how the Baha'i teachings can apply to their chosen fields of study and how various fields of study can inform understanding of the Baha'i teachings. These gatherings will be held monthly at the Hatchers' farm in Plant City. It is hoped that this idyllic setting will provide a stimulating environment for thoughtful reflection and dynamic discourse.

Activities will include

- Reading and discussing selections from the Bahá'í texts on the importance of scholarship.
- Learning various research techniques and terminology in applying Bahá'í teachings to research papers, theses, and dissertations
- Deepening an understanding of Bahá'í concepts related to your field of study
- Becoming familiar with the challenges you will face as a Bahá'í student or scholar in confronting some of the materialist and relativistic attitudes in particular fields
- Cultivating the development of your own scholarly voice through workshops and peer critiques.
- Acquiring a deeper understanding of Bahá'í theological and philosophical concepts through audio and video talks by esteemed speakers such as Paul Lample, Peter Khan, and Alí-Nakhjavani, Ruhyyih Khanum, and many others
- Learning how to collaborate with other scholars through the use of formal and informal workshops
- Enjoying the company of others who, like yourself, desire to integrate their Bahá'í life with their chosen field of study

**First Gathering
Saturday,
October 24th**

Gatherings will be held 12:30pm – 8:00pm one Saturday each month

snacks and dinner will be provided

There is **no fee** to attend — these gatherings are offered as a gift to area youth and young adults to encourage them in their pursuit of excellence and in their fulfillment of the Five Year Plan.

Space is limited so all who are interested must register in *advance*!

For more information, or to register, please contact Lucia Hatcher at 813-717-7742
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