

EXCELLENCE SEMINARS INTERNATIONAL

It was the Youth Pursuit That Made the Difference!

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Last year Robbie Ruddell received an offer to study at one of the most prestigious universities in the world. And he turned it down! “I turned down the offer because in fact what the Pursuit gave me was the strength to not only strive and achieve my goals but also to check in with myself to know if they’re still what I want.”

Course correcting is one of the most important tools Robbie took away from his first Pursuit, done over 10 years ago when he was 18. During that program he learned to ask himself the question, “Am I in the process of creating what I believe is most important to me?”

And according to Robbie, that powerful question has lead him to a life he would never have had the courage to build otherwise. “I went from being a very young, directionless, average, content person in my late teens to spending my twenties as ambitious, goal-oriented, experiencing success, and really identifying and living into my dreams.”

Dreams that no career counselor would have ever encouraged him to pursue. According to Robbie, he would have been told that the multiple university degrees he now holds were “too far-fetched” for him. He suspects he would have languished, unfulfilled in a different field, trapped under the assumption that that’s where he belonged. Instead, “I lived my twenties as if I could do anything!”

Interestingly enough, it wasn’t until Robbie audited the Pursuit over 10 years later that he realized how much the program had impacted him. “I must have so integrated that learning in my twenties in such a seamless way, it wasn’t until I saw it again when I thought, OMG! That’s where I learned that!”

But as he comments, whether he realized it or not, that one weekend empowered him with the high-octane fuel he needed to get to where he is today, which is exactly where he wants to be.



April 27-29, 2018

Youth Pursuit of Excellence
The Firs Retreat Center
Bellingham, Washington
Tuition: \$495
Room & Board: \$200

June 30-July 2, 2018

Youth Pursuit of Excellence
Springbrooke Retreat Centre
Langley, BC
Tuition: \$495
Room & Board: \$200

Youth Pursuit participants can audit the “adult” program at any time at no additional cost.