



Chaminade College Preparatory Receives Grant for New Performing Arts Center

Chatsworth, CA: August, 2011: Chaminade College Preparatory, a Catholic co-educational school for grades 6-12, located in the West San Fernando Valley, has received a \$50,000 grant from the William H. Hannon Foundation to support the building of a new Performing Arts Center. In 2003, the Foundation made a \$50,000 contribution to support the building of a new science and technology center at the school.

“My late uncle, our Foundation’s founder, was a real estate developer and built homes and commercial enterprises, including what is today the San Fernando Swap Meet. His experience as a builder translated to his philanthropic giving. He liked to see schools expand and provide new facilities for students. Our support of Chaminade’s current building campaign carries on that tradition,” said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation. Aikenhead is a niece of the late William Hannon and has served on the Foundation’s Board of Directors since its founding by her uncle in 1983.

The new Performing Arts Center will be a one-and-a-half story facility with a capacity to seat 360 in an auditorium with theater seating and a permanent stage, an integrated lighting and sound system, a fully-equipped scene-building shop, acoustically treated rehearsal rooms for band and choir practice, storage space (for props, costumes and musical instruments), a dance class, drama class and rehearsal room that doubles as a black box theater, and a chorus room for 70 students.