



Crespi Carmelite High School to Develop New Biology and Chemistry Wet-Lab

Encino, CA (March, 2010) - Crespi Carmelite High School in Encino has received a \$100,000 gift from the William H. Hannon Foundation for the High School's new science biology/chemistry "wet-lab." "The need for a new biology/chemistry science "wet-lab" is acute as our current science classrooms can no longer accommodate the number of students wishing to take science classes. The development of a new lab will address this shortage of lab classroom seats and allow us to ensure a safe, more personal environment without students having to change classrooms in the middle of instruction in order to perform course required experiments," said Rev. Thomas Schrader, O.Carm, President of Crespi Carmelite High School.

Crespi Carmelite High School, established in Encino, California, in 1959, serves male high school age students who wish to pursue a college preparatory, Christian education in a Catholic environment. Dedicated to excellence and responding to the challenges of education in our time, Crespi offers a holistic model of education emphasizing the spiritual, intellectual, moral, physical and social development of its students. Last year 100% of the graduates were accepted to colleges and universities. Students regularly receive acceptance to some of the best schools in the nation including Harvard, Yale, Georgetown, Notre Dame, Stanford, Purdue, University of Pennsylvania, UC Berkeley, San Diego, USC, UCLA, Loyola Marymount, Marquette, Boston College and various California State Universities, as well as the Naval, Army, Coast Guard and Air Force Academies.

"Regretfully, nationwide, we are seeing fewer and fewer high school students pursuing science degrees in college. At Crespi, the interest in science is so great that the high school's science classrooms are bursting at the seams. Our grant will help to improve the teaching of science at Crespi and ideally continue to foster student interest in science. Given Crespi High School's impressive academic record, our grant is a great investment," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.