



Loyola High School and Mount St. Mary's College Award Scholarships

Santa Monica, CA (March, 2011)—The William H. Hannon Foundation has provided two \$25,000 grants to Loyola High School and Mount St. Mary's College to continue funding Eugenie B. Hannon Scholarships at the respective schools. Founded in 1865, Loyola High School, an all male, four year Catholic college preparatory school run by the Jesuits is the oldest continuously run educational institution in Southern California. Mount St. Mary's College was founded in 1925 by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and is the only Catholic college primarily for women in the Western United States. The late William H. Hannon personally established the Eugenie B. Hannon Scholarships to honor his mother and the strong role she played in his life in promoting education.

Hannon graduated from Loyola High School in 1933 and attended then Loyola University, now Loyola Marymount University, on a "handshake" deal between his mother and Loyola University's president to pay back his tuition after he graduated and went to work. The Eugenie B. Hannon Scholarships will go to help fund financial aid for families to be able to send their children to Mount St. Mary's College and Loyola High School.

"The William H. Hannon Foundation has been a pivotal partner in helping Loyola with financial aid for our students in need. We are particularly grateful for the direct support of our most financially challenged families—they are in many ways the lifeblood of our community," said Reverend Gregory M. Goethals, S.J., President of Loyola High School.

The William H. Hannon Foundation has been providing the \$25,000 grant annually to Loyola High School since 1982, allowing needs based scholarships to be made for 78 students. The Foundation has been supporting Mount St. Mary's College with scholarship funding since 2001.

"My late uncle benefited from financial aid, and he never forgot that. The Foundation carries on the importance he placed in making sure a good high school and college education is accessible to those who can least afford it. We are proud to continue the important tradition of funding academic scholarships in his mother's name," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation and a founding Board Member of the Foundation.