



LMU Family of Schools Receives Donation to Promote College Readiness from William H. Hannon Foundation

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The William H. Hannon Foundation, founded by the late Loyola University, now Loyola Marymount University (LMU), alumnus and Westchester developer William H. Hannon, has provided a \$23,000 grant to promote college readiness in the LMU Family of Schools. The LMU Family of Schools includes Westchester High School and six other public middle and elementary schools in Westchester.

"The William H. Hannon Foundation has been a longtime supporter of LMU's School of Education and this grant brings together that historic support with the Foundation's focus on Westchester schools," said Shane P. Martin, Ph.D., Dean and Professor of the School of Education.

The grant will pay to create programming, including campus visits and activities, to familiarize students in all grade levels with the LMU campus and to stress college readiness as a goal of the K-12 experience. The grant will also provide support for families, through workshops and access to resources to make college readiness and college planning a reality for all families.

The Foundation has also recently funded the creation of the William H. Hannon College Centers at both Westchester High School and St. Bernard High School, designed to promote college preparedness at Westchester's two high schools.

"My late uncle was one of the original residential developers in Westchester. He picked the spots for the schools and churches in the community and later had his office right on Manchester Boulevard, down the street from both high schools. He cared passionately about Westchester's schools and this grant is yet another continuation of our support of his legacy," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation, Hannon's niece and a Board member of the Foundation since its founding in 1983.