

William H. Hannon Foundation Continues Namesakes Support of Loyola High School

February 22, 2016 /Santa Monica, CA: The late William H. Hannon, who was an alumnus of Loyola High School's Class of 1933, and founded the William H. Hannon Foundation in 1983, was extremely devoted to his alma mater. That devotion has seen Mr. Hannon and his Foundation fund numerous programs, scholarships and building improvements on the Jesuit high school campus, near Downtown Los Angeles.

In continuing this legacy of support, the William H. Hannon Foundation has made a \$1,000,000 pledge toward the modernization and expansion of Xavier Center. The centerpiece of the effort will be to add a beautiful new walkway designed to better connect the Eugenie B. Hannon Theater, named after Mr. Hannon's mother, to the new Xavier Center and the rest of the Loyola High School campus.

"Mr. Hannon when he was alive and now, through his Foundation, continues to provide transformational support for his alma mater. The new Xavier Center will accomplish many things, but it will especially provide dedicated space for activities that currently occur all over campus, which in turn will free up those spaces for better utilization for other school functions," said Rev. Gregory M. Goethals, SJ, President of Loyola High School.

The Hannon family's tradition of supporting Loyola began in the early 1930's. Mr. Hannon's mother, the late Eugenie B. Hannon, founded Loyola's Henry Welsh Guild and served as its first president in 1930. Today, the Guild is known as the Loyola High School Mothers' Guild and is responsible for coordinating hospitality services for the school community. In addition, the Guild's philanthropy annually supports faculty salaries.

The Hannon family has long ties to Loyola High. William Hannon and his four brothers were all graduates of Loyola. Younger generations followed the family tradition of attending Loyola. Mr. Hannon's nephew, James A. Hannon, graduated in 1980 and his grandnephew, Brian S. Aikenhead, graduated in 1997. James A. Hannon has followed his uncle's philanthropic example and now serves as vice president and treasurer of the William H. Hannon Foundation.

"My late uncle was a Cub at heart. He loved Loyola High School and the springboard that provided him to then attend Loyola University, now Loyola Marymount University. Our Foundation's current grant, to help better connect the sprawling Loyola High campus would make my uncle smile. He was a real estate developer who always looked for ways to improve an asset, and the plans to modernize and expand Xavier Center will dramatically improve the campus environment," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.

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