

Mount Saint Mary's University Receives \$25,000 Contribution toward Eugenie B. Hannon Scholarships

February 2017/Santa Monica, CA – The late real estate developer and philanthropist William H. Hannon, who founded the William H. Hannon Foundation in 1983, never liked having a scholarship or building dedicated in his name. Instead, across the Southland, people will find the name of Hannon's mother, Eugenie B. Hannon, adorning buildings and scholarship programs.

"He always credited his mother for his success. And he never forgot her. Today, we help carry on his wishes to keep Eugenie Hannon's legacy alive," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, president of the William H. Hannon Foundation, who is also Hannon's niece and a member of the Foundation's board since its founding.

The Foundation has renewed its annual support of Mount Saint Mary's University's Eugenie B. Hannon Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund. Mount St. Mary's has long been a leader in nursing education, having established the first baccalaureate nursing program in California in 1949. The University's five nursing programs attract more students than any other major.

"These scholarships enable our students to focus on and excel at their academic and career goals by reducing their need to work while in school and easing the burden of loan repayment after graduation. The support that the William H. Hannon Foundation has provided to Mount Saint Mary's University over the years has made an enormous difference in the lives of our students," said Ann McElaney-Johnson, University president.