



Foundation Buys New World History Books after Student Asks: 'Why wasn't 9/11 mentioned in my history book'

Los Angeles, CA (March, 2010) - The William H. Hannon Foundation has provided a \$10,000 grant toward the purchase of new world history and biology textbooks for Sacred Heart High School in Los Angeles. According to Sacred Heart's principal, Sister Angelica Velez, "When a student asked why 9/11 wasn't mentioned in her history book we realized that we needed to make some purchases. Textbooks are very expensive. The life of a textbook should be six years. At the present time these are more than ten years old."

"The Foundation's Board of Directors, which includes educators, clearly understands the need many of our schools face in updating textbooks at a time when financial resources are stretched to the breaking point. We are pleased to build upon our past assistance to Sacred Heart High School in awarding this new grant," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.

Originally known as Sacred Heart Academy, Sacred Heart High School was one of the first Catholic girls' high schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. In 1907 the long desired ambition of Father Michael McAuliffe, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, was fulfilled when the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose agreed to add a high school department to the elementary school, which they had established in 1890. Sacred Heart Academy began as a boarding and day school, with a student body of twenty-seven and the first graduating class of eight in 1911. Today the student body is approximately 380 students with graduating classes of approximately 80-95. A large percentage of the students successfully complete further studies in community colleges, state and private universities in Los Angeles and across the country.
