



Salesian Boys and Girls Club to Continue "Club AP"

Los Angeles (June 2, 2009): The William H. Hannon Foundation has once again continued its support of the Salesian Boys and Girls Club of Los Angeles through a \$50,000 grant to support the programs of the William H. Hannon Education Center located at the Salesian Family Youth Center in East Los Angeles. Since the Center's launch in 2005, the Foundation has provided \$250,000 to support after-school tutoring for severely underperforming students through "CLUB AP" and the Adelante Leadership Program.

"The work of the Salesian Boys and Girls Club is critically important to helping ensure that more and more young people from East Los Angeles complete high school and attend college. The tutoring and mentoring programs provided by the Club are making a real difference and our Board of Directors wants to continue to support their success," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.

The Adelante Leadership Program, a grueling 15-week youth development program, has seen impressive results from students that have participated in the program entering four year colleges and universities while "CLUB AP" has seen students graduate from high school and attend UCLA, UC Berkeley and Cal Poly Pomona as well as other colleges.

The Center fosters strong outcomes for the students that participate from nearby schools, including Roosevelt High School and Hollenbeck Middle School. These outcomes include developing peer groups that pursue high academic achievement and stay on track for college attendance, involvement in enrichment activities such as community service, summer academic academies and honor societies.

"Over the last five years, the William H. Hannon Foundation's support has been critical in our ability to create new programs to help hundreds of students excel in school and go onto college. Without this steadfast support, we would not have the ability to provide the extra help these students need to reach college," said Fr. William Schafer, Director of Resource Development of the Salesian Boys and Girls Club of Los Angeles.
