



Continued Support of Salesian Boys and Girls Club in East Los Angeles

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The William H. Hannon Foundation has provided a \$50,000 grant to the Salesian Boys and Girls Club of Los Angeles to support the programs of the William H. Hannon Education Center located at the Salesian Family Youth Center in East Los Angeles.

Each weekday, the William H. Hannon Education Center offers after-school tutoring for nearly one hundred students in pre-algebra and algebra. In 2005, the Center launched its successful Adelante Leadership Program for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. This intense 15-week Saturday youth development program is designed to enhance student self-esteem, personal growth, college readiness and career options. Additionally, this past summer the Center offered its first "CLUB AP" Algebra Academy.

"We have had a five year relationship with the Salesian Boys and Girls Club and could not be more pleased with their efforts to make a real difference in the lives of young people living on the Eastside of Los Angeles," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.

The Center fosters strong outcomes for the students who participate from nearby schools, including Roosevelt and Garfield High Schools as well as 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. The Center's efforts are also supported by The Eisner Foundation, the Stuart Foundation and the Sterling Foundation.

"We are extremely grateful for the continued support of the William H. Hannon Foundation. The establishment of the Center in honor of the late Mr. Hannon has allowed us to help hundreds of students to excel in school and avoid gangs," said Father William Schafer, Director of Resource Development of the Salesian Boys and Girls Club of Los Angeles.