William H. Hannon Foundation Provides $150,000 Grant to TACSC

The William H. Hannon Foundation has provided a $150,000 grant to The Association of Catholic Student Councils (TACSC) to help fund the organization's continued programmatic and geographic expansion plans. TACSC was founded at the request of the California Superintendent of Catholic Schools in 1982 with the goal of supporting and encouraging the development of student councils and student leadership programs at the junior high school level.

TACSC is well known for its "Summer Leadership Conferences" that provide the opportunity for incoming 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to find their voices as leaders, whether acting in student government positions or in other leadership roles in their schools or communities.

The William H. Hannon Foundation has supported TACSC since 2001, and the Foundation's Treasurer, James Hannon, serves as Vice President on TACSC's Board of Directors.

"TACSC is exceedingly grateful to the William H. Hannon Foundation for its tremendous support. The Foundation's trust and investment has stabilized TACSC and enabled TACSC to dramatically expand its programs and validate the demand for youth leadership training among Catholic students," said Heidi Johnson, TACSC's Executive Director.

Between 2009 and 2014, TACSC has experienced a 113% increase in attendance at their summer conferences, with an anticipated 20% increase expected this summer.

"Today, TACSC has a new, dynamic Executive Director. They have seen an incredible increase in attendance at their summer leadership conferences and have developed important strategic partnerships as well as expanded their Board of Directors and secured first time grants from new funders, including the Specialty Family Foundation and the Doheny Foundation. They are on the move, and our Board of Directors is pleased to continue to support their important work in developing young Catholic leaders in our schools," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.

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