



## Westchester Healthy Start No-Cost Tutorial Program for High School Students

**November, 2013:** The William H. Hannon Foundation has renewed its support of the Westchester Healthy Start After-School Tutoring Program at Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnets (WESM), formerly Westchester High School in Los Angeles. Since 2006, the Foundation has provided an annual grant to support the after school tutoring program. Funding helps ensure the ongoing no-cost to the student tutorial service.

“As the Westchester Healthy Start Coordinator since the inception of the Healthy Start programs, I have witnessed firsthand the ongoing need to provide support services to our students and families within the Westchester community. For many of our students and families, our Healthy Start programs have been the key to their continued advancement on to college, as well as a needed resource for school staff and administrators alike,” said Marvin Cooper, Westchester Healthy Start Coordinator.

The Healthy Start program began in 1997 to offer academic support services, behavioral counseling to discourage truancy and parenting classes to support the needs of families entering the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades on the Westchester campus. After-school tutoring is currently offered two days a week in the high school library. Students from Loyola Marymount University service organizations as well as members of the National Society of Black Engineers at UCLA provide tutoring support on an individual and group basis.

“My late uncle, our Foundation’s founder, had his office within walking distance of the WESM campus. Each year, he enjoyed participating in the academic jacket presentations to the high school’s top students. He felt that Westchester’s public high school was an important asset to the community,” said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.