



Westchester High School's Healthy Start Program Receives Support

Los Angeles, CA (January 1, 2010)— The William H. Hannon Foundation has provided a \$10,600 grant to Westchester High School's Healthy Start program to fund the 2009-10 school year CAHSEE Prep Program, which prepares students for the California High School Exit Exam, which is required for graduation. The grant will help fund a portion of the program coordinator's salary, as well as 10 tutors and 2 teachers that will lead the Saturday CAHSEE Prep Programs.

Founded in September 2007, the Westchester Healthy Start program provides students with behavioral counseling, tutoring and other services aimed at improving academic performance. During the 2008-09 school year, Westchester Healthy Start served 400 students, or about a quarter of the high school's student population, in five different programs: 106 in behavioral counseling, 124 in after-school tutoring, 5 students and their families in the substance abuse program and 100 in CAHSEE Prep and 60 students in the *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* program for students who have excessive tardiness.

"My late uncle's office was located just down the street from Westchester High School. He enjoyed supporting various academic programs at the high school and our Foundation's support of Westchester Healthy Start continues this legacy," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation. Aikenhead is a niece of the late William Hannon and has served on the Foundation's Board of Directors since its founding by her uncle in 1983.
