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PROVIDENCE

The College Preparatory School for Girls Grades 6-12

News Flash!



HARVEY NAJIM GIVES PROVIDENCE \$1M GIFT

Providence was abuzz yesterday as Mr. Harvey Najim unveiled a check in the amount of \$1,000,000. This is a gift to the *Building On Providence Capital Campaign*. The former Drought House will now be known as the **Najim Campus Center**, named in honor of Mr. Najim's mother, Jamelia Najim.

The Marian Choristers opened the ceremonies lifting their beautiful voices in thanksgiving for this gift and all it will accomplish. Among other improvements to the campus center will be a second floor state of the art library and resource center.

Christine Hernandez, class of 1969 and Board Chair, emceed the press conference which was attended by the student body, faculty and staff, the CDPs, Board Members, and invited guests. The media showed up in force to mark this momentous occasion.

Sister Jane Ann Slater, CDP, spoke about the history of the school and the original campaign to build a school to nurture strong women leaders. Estela Avery class of 1970, and Campaign Chair, had the honor of presenting Mr. Najim with a Provet pin and expressing her thanks for his belief in Providence and the importance of Catholic education to continue in our community. Estela and Jim Avery have been the catalysts behind the BOP Campaign from the beginning, allowing the creation of the beautiful art studio named in their honor on the Providence campus.

Anne Bristol, President of Providence, wrapped up the morning's events thanking Mr. Najim on behalf of the entire Providence family. She announced further good news in the form of a \$100,000.00 donation that came in from the Toogood Family in Dallas who took up the challenge to follow Mr. Najim's lead and believe in the power of Catholic education. At Providence, we believe in these girls, their futures, and the future of the school.