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Beginning to begin...

Here we are at the end of the school year, but endings are beginnings. The seniors are ending their time at Connelly and preparing to begin college. The Senior Showcase, which highlighted their service projects, was a testimony to their growth in personal responsibility and self-confidence in their abilities.

That same day, the ninth graders participated in Portfolio Night. It was a contrast in the developmental stages of these young women. The seniors are ready to leave Connelly having accomplished their academic goals, and having engaged in activities that gave them opportunities for leadership and the pursuit of new areas of interest. The ninth graders were

bubbling with excitement and nervousness before their big night. They were proud, as were their parents, of their courage to stand before their classmates and families to display their literary and musical talents. These bubbling and excited ninth graders become composed and poised seniors.

Beginnings, endings, beginnings...How gratifying it is for me to witness these transformations each year. As I watch the presentations of the ninth graders, I can picture them in four years - ready to leave - and I want to freeze the time. But then endings wouldn't allow new beginnings.

Sr. Francine

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE	MAY 25, 8 A.M.-2 P.M.
POPS CONCERT (@ SERVITE)	MAY 25, 7 P.M.
END-OF-YEAR MASS	MAY 28, 10:15 A.M.
MEMORIAL DAY	CAMPUS IS CLOSED
SENIOR PRAYER BREAKFAST	JUNE 1
AWARDS DAY	JUNE 4
ALUMNAE INDUCTION	JUNE 9, NOON
BACCALAUREATE MASS	JUNE 12, 5 P.M.
GRADUATION	JUNE 13, 5 P.M.
FAMILY DAY	AUGUST 21, 1 P.M.

Congratulations

TRI-SCHOOL THEATRE CAPPIES AWARDS: Maya Karon '10 received two Cappies

Award nominations for her work on the Tri-School Theatre production of Romeo and Juliet. Tri-School Theatre earned 5 Cappies Award nominations in all. Cappies is a program in which student critics from Orange County high schools attend productions and write reviews. The top reviews are published in the Orange County Register's online edition. The critics also vote on the nominees for work in specific categories. **Maya** is being recognized for her work on the set design and the stage crew for Romeo and Juliet. The nominees will be honored at a reception on May 26 at Orange Lutheran High School and the Cappies Awards winners are announced at the Gala on June 6 at The Grove.

Maya and members of the Tri-School Theatre attended the California State Thespian Festival March 26-28 at the Ontario Convention Center. Students competed and earned many awards and honors at the festival of more than 1,000 students. Maya was selected for the All State Tech Crew for scenic painting and named as Outstanding Technician.

Maya received the Bright Spot Award and **Erica Schaeffer '12** Achievement Award at the 40th Anniversary Childress MACY Awards, May 23.

CONNELLY SOPHOMORE GETS PERFECT SCORE ON NATIONAL LATIN EXAM: The National Latin Exam Committee announced on May 3 that Connelly sophomore **Rebecca Dizon '12** achieved a perfect score on the 2010 National Latin Exam. Only 568 students of more than 138,000 participants attained this distinction. Students from the United States, Australia, Zimbabwe, Canada, England, Italy, New Zealand, Poland, Korea, Bulgaria, China, Japan and Singapore took the exam. The National Latin Exam Committee is based at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA.

ANAHEIM MAYOR RECOGNIZES CONNELLY JUNIOR: Mayor Curt Pringle named **Jennifer Luong '11** a TechScholar on May 18 and gave her a laptop computer to assist with her education. The city's TechScholar Scholarship Program - sponsored by AT&T, Time Warner, Anaheim Public Utilities, HP and The Samueli Foundation - recognized 53 college-bound students in Anaheim schools. Area students applied for the award by submitting transcripts and personal essays.

As I address Megan's graduation announcements, I am reminded how quickly this year has gone by. I expect I will be saying the same thing again in three short years, as Nicole graduates.

I want to take a moment of your time to thank the dedicated Parents Association Board members and committee chairs for their hard work and diligence to help make all of our events such wonderful successes, and thank you for your volunteerism and helping to make our fundraising profitable.

Thank you for visiting www.connellyhs.org and participating in the practically painless opportunities and purchasing the holiday greenery & spirit wear.

Income from our fundraising and your Parents Association fee has enabled us to support various events and activities including the New Family Orientation, Family Day, Grandparents Day, the Faculty Christmas Luncheon, Father-Daughter Dance, and the Senior Family Dinner. We were able to provide hospitality at many functions throughout the year, including the sophomore, junior and senior parent meetings, Back to School Night, Open Houses, the Christmas service, Class Plays, All-School Service Day, the P.A.T.S luncheon, and Graduation.

Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who donated their time and talents to the above events, with the health room needs, chaperones, spirit wear, mailing, Annual Giving Fund captains, and gardening days.

All of these activities need committees and committee chairs to be successful. A special thanks to the many committee chairs that did a fabulous job this year especially those chairs for Galaxy of Stars and the Fashion Show, and my appreciation goes to my board Vice President of Volunteers, Ruth Virgil; Vice President of Fundraising and our incoming President, Curt Byk; Vice President of Service Hours, Sue Ann Kuiper; Secretary, Monica Castaneda; and Treasurer, Rick Nones.

The Connelly Parents Association



SAVE THE DATE

Join parents, grandparents,
alumnae and friends

Saturday, November 6, 2010

6 p.m.

Santa Ana Country Club

Board encourages you to participate on the board or in a committee chair position. We would like to entertain new ideas and possibilities for our daughters next year, and YOU could be the one to bring those new ideas to the board. Come join us for a fun-filled year, and bring a friend if you like. We are still in need of several Parent Association Board members. I am honored to have been able to service the families of Connelly for these two years as president. I will remain on the board, as treasurer. I look forward to YOU joining me on the board.

Congratulations and best wishes to all the seniors who are starting their new adventure in life. You will always remain a part of Connelly's family. The younger ladies also make us proud with their accomplishments. I was certainly impressed after seeing the Freshman Portfolio Night presentations. I'm sure each of you is looking forward to your next year(s) at Cornelia Connelly School.

As my presidency runs down to the last few weeks, I encourage you to be a part of your daughter's experience at Connelly. Participate, volunteer, and attend all that you can. Don't let these high school years with your daughter slip through your hands.

Kim Rickard,
Parents' Association President,
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GUESTS AT THE APRIL 25TH CONNELLY COUTURE FASHION SHOW & BENEFIT GATHERED FOR GOOD FOOD AND COMPANY AND A STUNNING FASHION SHOW SPOTLIGHTING OUR LOVELY CONNELLY MODELS AND THE YOUNG MEN OF SERVITE. IT WAS A CHARMING EVENT FOR PARENTS, FACULTY, ALUMNAE AND FRIENDS. WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL TO CO-CHAIRS, LILLIAN FLORES AND TERRI NISTA, FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AND HARD WORK IN PLANNING AND ORGANIZING THIS BEAUTIFUL EVENT. THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PARENT- AND STUDENT-VOLUNTEERS WHO ANSWERED OUR REQUESTS FOR HELP WITH ENTHUSIASM AND EXCELLENCE. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND: MARIA BERNAL, CURT AND JANET BYK, GLORIA DIALYNAS, EVELYN FLORES, RUTH HERMOSILLO, CLAUDIA HIATT, MARIE LOPEZ '80. . SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CORNELIA CONNELLY SCHOOL STAFF FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT. MOST OF ALL, THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS, SPONSORS AND UNDERWRITERS.

CONGRATULATIONS! The Parents Association Board is pleased to nominate **SueAnn Kuiper** and **Kim Rickard** as nominees for the Catholic Woman of the Year. Both ladies will be honored at a May 26 luncheon at the Hyatt Regency in Irvine. Thank you, ladies, for all that you do, here at Connelly and in your communities also.

May-August calendar

May 24-26	Cheer clinic for tryouts 3:30-5:30 p.m.
May 24-27	Fun Week
May 25	Red Cross Blood Drive 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. Pops Concert - 7 p.m. @ Servite
May 26	Adjusted Schedule – End-of-year Pep Rally Senior Family Dinner planning meeting, @ 6 p.m., conference room
May 27	Cheer Tryouts 3:30-5:30 p.m. Fine Arts Banquet @ 7 p.m. in the Auditorium
May 28	Special Assembly Schedule – End-of-year Mass Formal Uniform
May 31	Memorial Day Holiday
June 1	Senior Prayer Breakfast Last day of senior classes
June 2	Advanced Choir & Handbell Auditions Parents Association meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
June 2-3	Senior Final Exams
June 3	Special Assembly Schedule Last day of classes for grades 9-11 Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal, 3-5 p.m.
June 4	Formal Free Dress Early dismissal Awards Day 8:15 a.m. – 13:20 p.m. Spring Concert @ 7:30 p.m.
June 5	SAT & subject tests
June 6	Retirement Reception for Mary Pat Anderson, 2-4 p.m., Alumnae Hall
June 7-10	Final Exams for grades 9-11
June 8-10	Baccalaureate Mass & Graduation Practice 1-3 p.m.
June 9	Alumnae Induction luncheon in Alumnae Hall @ noon Senior Family Dinner @ Doubletree Guest Suites in Anaheim @ 6 p.m.
June 10	Disneyland Grad Night 9:30 p.m. – 6 a.m. Used Book Buy Back date (See pink box below)
June 11	Gardening Day, 8 a.m. – noon Choir & Handbells recording session, Auditorium, noon - 5 p.m.
June 12	Baccalaureate Mass @ 5 p.m. ACT test
June 13	Graduation @ 5 p.m.
June 15	Summer Open House @ 6:30 p.m.
June 21	Report Cards mailed
June 28-July 30	Summer School begins
July 10	Gardening Day, 8 a.m. – noon
Aug. 21	Family Day Picnic @ 1 p.m.



Jennifer Luong '11 (center) receives the TechScholar award and a laptop computer from Anaheim Mayor Curt Pringle (left) with Connelly's Counselor Christina Posada on right.



Gabrielle Espejo '10 was crowned Queen and Servite's Cole Pooler '10 was crowned King of the Prom at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point.

USED BOOK BUY-BACK
 Sell your textbooks back to myschoolbookstore.com
 on Buy-Back Day, **JUNE 10**.
 ASB will collect books at Connelly from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please speak to the Librarian, Mrs. Daugherty for details.



THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

The faculty and staff gratefully thank the following parents and Connelly family members for helping.

Bake Sale for Debate Team: Dierdre Dizon and Regina Rengifo-Bialoruck.

Chaperones: Michael and Cindy Barkley, Marcie Pomeroy, and Preetha Spencer.

Class Plays: Janis and Tamerou Asrat, and Aracelly Rodriguez

Fashion Show: Lillian Flores, Co-Chair; Terri Nista, Co-Chair; Desiree Alcaraz; Melba Becker; Maria Bernal; Janet Byk; Dori Conboy; Hugo Correa; Zach Correa; Gloria Dialynas; Sharon Fish; Claudia Hiatt; Ruth Hermosillo; Mojgan Jalali; SueAnn Kuiper; Rosa Lardenoit; Renée Lloyd; Marie Lopez '80; Mary Madrigal; Denise Murashige; Barbara McGuire; Maria Munoz; Cherene Neal; James Nista; Esmeralda Pedraza; Veronica Perez; Martin Reinders; Kim Rickard; Alicia Rodriguez; Erica Rodriguez; Gabriel Sanchez; Beth Sanfillipo; Sumeeta Sethi; Rey Simbol; Abe Velasco; Shelly Velazquez; Yolanda Verdin; Ruth Virgil; Althea Washington; Cathy Wilson-Bates and Tom Bates; and Kerry Zarders.
Student volunteers: Dana Fish; Alejandra Gomez; Vanessa Hernandez; Amelia Nista; Iztaccihvatl Olivares; Nicole Rickard; Elizabeth Rodriguez; Marilyn Sethi; Marissa and Verdin; Alysia Verdin.

The following parents helped with Hospitality at events in March, April and May: Aracelly Rodriguez, Eliz Acoba, Debbie Dispalatro, Patricia Garcia, Martha Ilarini-Cimadomo, Paulette Infante, Esmeralda Pedraza, Guillermina Sanchez, Rosalinda Velasco, and Barbara Yu '87.

Jamba Juice Fundraiser on May 21: Denise Murashige.

Thank you to the following families for helping on Gardening Days in March, April and May: Banda, Butler, Cadiz, Curtin, Froning, Gleason, Infante, Madrigal, Nista, Ortiz, Paivine, Perez, Reinders, Rickard, Rodriguez, Sexton, Shiferaw, Stuart, Sturr, Taylor, Tiedt, Vasquez, Velasco and Wilson.

SENIOR Semester Exam Schedule

Wednesday June 2, 2010

ALUM. HALL - TIME: 8:15 - 10:15

A.P. English (Block D)
English 4 (Block F and G)

Wednesday June 2, 2010

ALUM. HALL - TIME: 10:45 - 12:45

Oceanography (Block D, G)
Honors Biology/AP Biology/Biology
Conflicts as arranged with teacher

Wednesday June 2, 2010

Room 15 - TIME: 10:45 - 12:45

Physics (Block G)
Honors Physics (Block G)

Thursday June 3, 2010

ALUM HALL - TIME: 8:15 - 10:15

A.P. Calculus (Block B)
Honors Precalculus (Block C)
Precalculus (Block C and G)
Chemistry (Block A and B)
Honors Chemistry (Block F)
Algebra 2 Trig (Block E)
Business Math (Block A)
Conflicts as arranged with teacher

Thursday June 3, 2010

Room 15 TIME: 8:15 - 10:15

Psychology and Religion in the Media

Thursday June 3, 2010

ALUM HALL - TIME: 10:45 - 12:45

Honors American Gov. (Block C, E, H)
Spanish 3 Honors (Block G)
Latin 4 (Block F)
Spanish 4 (Block C)
Spanish 3 (Block D) (Block F)
Spanish 2 (Block G)

GRADES 9-11 Semester exam schedule

Monday, June 7 8:15 -10:15 Block F
10:45 -12:45 Block G

Tuesday, June 8 8:15 -10:15 Block D
10:45 -12:45 Block E

Wednesday, June 9 8:15 -10:15 Block B
10:45 -12:45 Block C

Thursday, June 10 8:15 -10:15 Block A
10:45 -12:45 Conflicts

Please Note:

- Students report directly to their class for each exam to be taken.
- Ninth graders will be taking a **Health Final** at the PE/Health block as scheduled during the Semester Exam Schedule.
- **No final for the Block D Foundation course.**
- **All students in Fine Arts and Performing Arts classes** are to submit projects as arranged with their teacher.
- Students in courses assigned a **special project** in lieu of a final exam are to submit the project as arranged with their teacher. No project may be dropped at the Front Office.

Students with documented notice on file that extended time is to be provided for semester exams are asked to sign up with Mrs. Taylor in the Front Office. Students needing extended time typically take the designated exam in the library on the same day that it is scheduled for all students in that block.

Report Cards will be mailed by Monday, June 21, 2010.



Left to right: Kathleen Chelling '11, Sarah Virgil '10, Mackenzie Stone '12 and Alexandria Vogl '11.

GIRLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BANQUET HONORS STUDENT ATHLETES

Athlete of the Year: Sarah Virgil '10. Coaches Award: Kathleen Chelling '11 and Alexandria Vogl '11. Rookie of the Year: Mackenzie Stone '12 and Jessica Kuiper '12. Cheer – Captains: Amber Alcaraz '10 and Sarah Huber '10; Most Improved: Adriana Foss '11; and Most Dedicated: Brehz Dulac '11. Varsity Volleyball – MVP: Nicole Yost '12; Most Inspirational: Nicole Han '11; and Most Improved: Bronte Cummings '11 and Chanelle Neal '10. Junior Varsity Volleyball – MVP: Laura Yu '13; Most Inspirational: Megan Marrujo '13; and Most Improved: Caroline Hiatt '12. Golf – MVP: Maricar Nones '11; Most Inspirational: Kimberly Silvestre '13; and Most Improved: Nichelle Valle '12. Cross Country – MVP: Brianna Becerra '12; Most Inspirational: Monica Nguyen '10; and Most Improved: Nicole Mirand '13. Tennis – MVP: Kristin Obligation '12; Most Inspirational: Stephanie Choi '11; and Most Improved: Raisa Rodriguez '11. Varsity Softball – MVP: Jennica Rae Simbol '11; Most Inspirational: Laura Perez '13; and Most Improved: Laura Yu '13. Soccer – MVP: Audrey Absulio '11; Most Inspirational: Alexandria Vogl '11; and Most Improved: Mackenzie Stone '12. Varsity Basketball – MVP: Sarah Virgil '10; Most Inspirational: Rachel Curtin '12; and Most Improved: Cassandra Stambuk '10. Junior Varsity Basketball – Most Inspirational: Arazeli Dialynas '13 and Most Improved: Pamela Infante '12. Varsity Water Polo – MVP: Rio Millsbaugh '10; Most Inspirational: Regan O'Grady '10; and Most Improved: Laura Perez '13. Varsity Swimming – MVP: Ariana Dispalatro '11; Most Inspirational: Laura Perez '13; and Most Improved: Laura Yu '13. Junior Varsity Swimming – MVP: Caroline Hiatt '12; Most Inspirational: Veronica Murashige '12; and Most Improved: Jessica Leung '11.

COLLEGE CORNER

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (see Mrs. Anderson if interested):

- **More Scholarship Resources** - This site boasts: "The Ultimate Scholarship Resource: 515 Scholarships with Something for Everyone." <http://www.guidetoonlineschools.com/financial-aid/scholarships>.
- **Mary Castle Memorial Scholarship** – is offered to seniors with GPA of 2.5 or higher and live in Anaheim Hills (92807, 92808). This is based on community service, leadership, requires transcript and two letters of recommendation. **Due May 28.**
- **Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants** offers an annual scholarship. Applicants must write an essay. The topics are posted at <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>. **Due June 20.**
- **Big Sun Scholarship** - \$500 - All athletic students are eligible. Write an essay on the following prompt, "How has your participation in sports affected the person you are becoming?" Submit essay to www.athleticawards@bigsunathletics.com. For more information, go to www.bigsunathletics.com. **Due June 24.**
- **Fullerton Republican Women Federated Pat Soderquist High School Senior Scholarship** is offered to a student with a 2.75 GPA or higher who is a resident of Fullerton. You must submit a transcript, ACT or SAT scores, 2 references and an essay on "Why the Declaration of Independence is as important as the U.S. Constitution." **Must be postmarked by June 28.**
- **Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards** – High school juniors may apply online at www.HispanicHeritage.org. You must have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher. **Due July 1.**
- **Community Contribution Scholarship from ERCA** – Applications are available at www.studentresearch.org and available to all high school students. The **postmark deadline is July 16** and the applications must be received by July 23.
- **Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship** – A \$1,000 award is available to high school students who are legal U.S. residents. Students may study any major and attend any college in the U.S. The award may be used for tuition, room and board, books or any related educational expense. A brief personal statement is required. Go to www.gkscholarship.com for more information. **Due July 31.**
- **Freedom Alliance Scholarships** are available to children of military personnel who have sacrificed life or limb serving our country. The application is posted at www.fascholarship.com. **Due July 31.**

COLLEGE INFORMATION:

The class of 2010 had great overall SAT and ACT scores. Students also were accepted to a wonderful list of colleges and universities.

Acceptances included: Auburn University, Boston College, Boston University, The Catholic University of America, Clemson University, The Coast Guard Academy, Cornell University, Embry-Riddle University, Emory University, Fordham University, The Johns Hopkins University, Northeastern University, Pepperdine University, University of California Berkeley, University of California Los Angeles, University of California San Diego, University of Georgia, University of Massachusetts Amherst, University of South Carolina, University of Southern California, and the University of Washington.

Connelly's 2010 graduates will attend: Auburn University, Baylor University, Biola University (2), Boston College (2), California State University Fullerton (5), Chaminade University, Chapman University (3), Clemson University, Creighton University, Cypress College, Embry-Riddle University, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Fullerton College (3), Humboldt State University, Golden West College, The Johns Hopkins University, Loyola Marymount University, Mt. San Antonio College, Mt. St. Mary's College, Northeastern University, Northern Arizona University, Orange Coast College (3), Point Loma Nazarene University, Roger William University, San Francisco State University (2), University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of California Irvine (6), University of California Los Angeles (3), University of California Riverside (2), University of California Santa Barbara, University of the Pacific, University of Pittsburgh, University of Portland, University of San Diego, University of San Francisco, and Whittier College (2).

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