



COURIER

The monthly bulletin of Cornelia Connelly School

Relish the adventures of life

Have you heard of Flat Stanley?
I recently had the privilege of being chosen by my niece who lives in Lititz, PA to accompany Flat Stanley on some California adventures. Flat Stanley is the title character in a series of 2nd grade books by Jeff Brown. Stanley travels far and wide because of his flat shape. My niece named *my* paper partner Flat Shelly and I had fun hosting this paper cut-out and making sure that I made *her* visit interesting before sending Flat Shelly back with pictures and a journal.

Shortly after finishing this project, I attended three celebrations of life events within one week: a wedding, a funeral and a First Communion.

These events encompassed a life span from young to old, and had significant meaning for families and communities. It made me realize that each of us is Flat Stanley each day. Rather than recognizing and recording the adventures for someone else



though, we need to be fully present to these moments. They may not all be considered "great" moments, but they are significant to our life journey. Look carefully and listen attentively. You'll remember and appreciate the adventure.

Sr. Francine

May 2010

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Dates to remember:

Senior Service Learning Showcase	May 20, 12:10 p.m.
9th Grade Portfolio Night	May 20, 7 p.m.
Red Cross Blood Drive	May 25
Pops Concert (@ Servite)	May 25, 7 p.m.
End-of-year Mass	May 28
Memorial Day	Campus is closed

Congratulations

ORANGE COUNTY SCIENCE FAIR AWARDS: Emily Rosales '12 won a special

award from the Society of Women Engineers, Orange County Chapter for her project featured in the 55th Annual Orange county Science and Engineering Fair earlier this month. She received a \$75 gift card to Barnes & Noble. Emily competed in the chemistry division with her project titled Calorimetry of Oils. **Cassandra Stambuk '10** received an honorable mention for her project detailing the coat coloring in American Paint Horses. **Liana Rizkalla '13** also competed. Her project on the antibiotic affects on E. Coli was in the pharmacological category.

ANAHEIM YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT: Valerie Alcaraz '12 won First Runner Up for Youth of the Year at Anaheim's Youth in Government Day April 21. The event was co-sponsors by the Anaheim Lions Club and Anaheim Community Services Department. Valerie received \$500 and a plaque. As an applicant, Valerie was interviewed and had to make a presentation to city leaders. She was appointed to a Fire Department administrative position on a student-filled City Council and staff at the Youth in Government Day at City Hall.

CONNELLY ARTISTS: This year 24 of our girls were chosen to have 29 pieces of artwork exhibited in Imagination Celebration 1000 Pieces and the All-District Art Exhibit at the Crate and Barrel wing of South Coast Plaza May 4-23, 2010. Thousands of art pieces are submitted for judging in this highly competitive countywide competition.

Congratulations to: Class of '13: **Jennifer Nguyen**

Class of '12: **Rebecca Brunter, Marisa Castaneda-Garcia** (2 pieces), **Hannah Demetor** (2 pieces), **Alexine Gallagher, Kaitlin Lloyd, Madeline Lontok, Michelle Manning, Brenna Mullally** (2 pieces), **Christine Nguyen, Emily Rea, Victoria Reinders, Andrea Rodriguez, Segolene Salameh, Molly Schaefer, Sophia Zarders.**

Class of '11: **Amanda Garcia, Sery Kwon** (2 pieces), **Lisette Montanez, Tiana Tria**

Class of '10: **Danielle Baez, Lauren Digison, Monica Nguyen** (2 pieces) and **Kamilah Rodriguez.**

In addition, artwork by **Kamilah** was chosen to be part of the prestigious Festival of Arts student show in Laguna Beach. Only 1% of the artwork juried is accepted into the Festival of Arts, so we congratulate Kamilah on this honor. Please go to South Coast Plaza and the Festival of Arts to see the work of these amazing young artists.

Share your talents: VOLUNTEER

Many thanks to the chairs of the Fashion Show, Terri Nista and Lilly Flores, and their hard working team of volunteers. This beautiful event was all the better because of their efforts. I hope you had as wonderful a time at this event as I did.

I hope you were able to make your donation to the P.A.T.S. fund in honor of your favorite teachers. This opportunity shows the Connelly faculty how appreciative you are for all they do for our girls! Donations to the fund allow faculty and staff to attend workshops, seminars, and classes. A special card will be sent to all persons honored telling them who made a donation in their name. The deadline for the donations to PATS is due by May 5. If you would like to donate to this fund, contact Aykesha Walker in the Development Office at awalker@connellyhs.org.

Thank you to all the junior families that have come forward to volunteer at this year's Senior Family Dinner on June 9. As a senior parent, I am looking forward to seeing all the senior families. So much planning goes into this spectacular event. Junior and senior families may contact the committee chair, Eliz Acoba, at elizacoba@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks to SueAnn Kuiper, who has done a fantastic job updating all the family service hours on Edline for you to view and giving us crucial statistics regarding service hours. If there are any discrepancies that you notice, contact her immediately at

dkuiper@earthlink.net. Are you short hours? There are still opportunities to complete those 20 hours by helping serve lunch to our faculty and staff in May, helping the hospitality committee with the Freshman Parent Orientation meeting May 13, chaperoning at MORP – the underclass prom - at Servite on May 8 and Prom on May 15 at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point. Other opportunities include: gardening May 22 and June 11; selling Spirit Wear May 17, helping hospitality at the Spring Concert June 4, graduation on June 13 and Summer Open House June 15. Contact the school office or myself for the event you would like to volunteer. Otherwise, if you have a balance owed, send the payment to the school office as soon as possible.

Have you considered participating in the Connelly Parents Association Board or as a committee chair for one of Connelly's incredible events throughout the year? I would be delighted to help you into a board or committee chair position that matches your time, talents and personality. Our daughters benefit from your participation at school dances, Grandparents Day, the annual Family Picnic, and with meals and refreshments throughout the year. Their education benefits from targeting specific needs in the classroom with fundraising. (Doesn't your daughter benefit from the SmartBoard in her classrooms?) P.A.T.S. encourages donations into a teacher's educational fund.

Volunteer hours in the Connelly gardens surround our girls with a beautiful campus. We fundraise to support these activities, but it is your volunteerism that makes the events and activities happen! Connelly is only limited by the amount of volunteers that support these actions with their time and talents.

Don't forget to click on the Connelly Web site [Fundraising page](#) to learn about ways to support your school while shopping for everything from coffee to books. Cornelia Connelly School receives a portion of the proceeds sold. That's like free money to the school for things that you would normally buy anyway.

The Parents Association Board is pleased to nominate SueAnn Kuiper as a nominee for the Catholic Woman of the Year. She will be honored at a luncheon at the Hyatt Regency in Irvine May 26 with the social starting at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. You may support her by attending this wonderful luncheon for all the nominees. Mail your \$60 check payable to Catholic Charities Auxiliary to Mrs. Evangeline Gawronski, 1426 S. Birch St., Santa Ana, CA 92707. Please indicate your desire to be at the Connelly table. If you have any questions, contact Izzy Velasco at ivelasco@connellyhs.org.

What difference can you make in our Connelly community with your time and talent in the next month and a half remaining this school year? What about next school year? Be sure to let me know.

Kim Rickard,

Parents' Association President,
fightgumdx@aol.com

SHOP TO HELP CONNELLY

Shop Amazon.com and 1- 5% of your total purchase is DONATED to Connelly.

Find out how to help by shopping at Amazon and other Connelly-supportive companies on the fundraising page of the Connelly Web site. Hit the control key *and* click the link below:

http://www.connellyhs.org/page/support_connelly/fundraising

May calendar

- April 30 Special Assembly Schedule – Elections
Connelly Karaoke @ 4 p.m., in the Auditorium
Tri-School Theatre Spring Show @ 8 p.m.
- May 1 SAT & Subject Tests
Tri-School Theatre Spring Show 8 p.m.
- May 2 Tri-School Theatre Spring Show 2 p.m.
- May 3 AP Tests
Class officer petitions due
- May 3-7 AP Tests
- May 6 Incoming 9th grade math and science placement tests
- May 8 MORP @ Servite
Pueri Cantores Choir & Handbells
- May 10-14 AP Tests
- May 10 Progress Reports posted on Edline
- May 12 Girls Athletic Assoc. Banquet 6 p.m. in the Auditorium
- May 13 New Parent Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- May 14 Special Assembly – Class Officer Elections
- May 15 Prom @ The Ocean Institute
- May 17 Incoming 9th grade registration 3:15-6 p.m.
Freshman Portfolio Night Practice 3-4:30 p.m.
- May 18 Freshman Portfolio Night Practice 3-4:30 p.m.
Ambassador Awards Luncheon
- May 19 Incoming 9th grade registration 3:15-6 p.m.
Parents Association meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- May 20 Special Assembly – Senior Service Learning Showcase
Freshman Portfolio Night @ 7 p.m. in the Auditorium
- May 21 Early dismissal at 1:10 p.m.
SCVA Choir Festival
- May 22 Gardening Day @ Connelly 8 a.m. to noon
- May 24-26 Cheer clinic for tryouts 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- May 25 Red Cross Blood Drive
- May 25-27 Fun Week
- May 26 Adjusted Schedule – End-of-year Pep Rally
- May 27 Cheer Tryouts 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Fine Arts Banquet @ 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- May 28 Special Assembly Schedule – End-of-year Mass
Formal Uniform
- May 31 Memorial Day Holiday
- June 12 **Baccalaureate Mass @ 5 p.m.**
- June 13 **Graduation@ 5 p.m.**



Congratulations 2010-2011 ASB Officers	
President	Samra Asrat '11
Vice President	Maggie Bustamante '11
Secretary	Kristin Obligacion '12
Treasurer	Jennifer Luong '11
Interscholar Representatives	Audrey De Los Reyes '11 Zoe Kam '11
Historian	Christine Lim '12
Commission of Activities	Kimmie McCune '11
Commissioner of Publicity	Gloria Nguyen '12
Commissioner of Ecology	Emily Dubelbeiss '12



THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

Thank you to the following parents and Connelly community members who volunteered at the April 26 College Fair: Liz Acoba, Guillermina Sanchez, Martha Ilarini-Cimadomo and Aracelly Rodriguez.

***Parents please turn in your service hour sheets to the Development Office.*

News from the Connelly Gardens

Spring rains were very good to the plants (and weeds), but caused the cancellation of much gardening in February. Garden Day in March was well-attended, but April was a bit sparse, because so many gardening families have swim team members who had a match that day.

At the 7th Annual Garden Luncheon in March following the morning gardening, 34 people enjoyed a delicious Italian buffet catered by Luigi Catizone. Also featured were homemade desserts from students, and lemonade made by Laura ('13) and Barbara Yu '87 from lemons donated by Nicole Yost ('12), and Rachael ('10) and Rebecca ('13) Michael. Parents, faculty and staff were very generous in their bidding on the six orchids, nine plumerias, dozens of clivias, color bowls and 25 other potted plants. More than \$500 was raised to help fund some special planting for graduation, and some renovation projects in August and September. The plants were donated by various friends and families. Especially generous were Sharon Fish, Norma Gibbs, Marissa Ortiz '11, Marvin Carlberg, and Village Nursery.



Instead of a guest speaker, Margaret Carlberg prepared a virtual tour of the current gardens, to stimulate sharing of ideas for future garden projects. Thanks to our eager garden volunteers, some of these have been implemented, such as adding some colorful flowers by the Koko topiary, adding more color to the Shakespeare triangles, and removing the degenerated red Pentas shrubs between the flax out front. At the April Garden Day, the freshmen planted a new colorful border of Coleus in their garden, which will show off the strawberries, the beet circle around the orange tree, and the nice rows of tall onions. They will be planting pumpkin seeds in June, to get ready for another pumpkin harvest in the fall.

A nice blossoming navel orange tree was donated for the plant auction by the family of Marissa Ortiz '11 (pictured above, at right). Marissa (Mars) and some classmates and friends - under the supervision of Mrs. Carlberg - planted the tree near the west wall, where it will provide fruit for students and faculty, improve the faculty lunch area environment, and, in years to come, will be an attractive Orange County addition to the 'stage décor' for the June Baccalaureate ceremony.

Student participation this spring is increasing, with 15 of the 46 garden volunteers in April being students from all grade levels, who earned their part of the 143 hours of community service for planting, weeding, mulching, and trimming.

COURSE REGISTRATION 2010-2011

The Edline course request submission period ends May 10, 2010. Students who do not register for courses will need to submit a paper copy of courses requested to their Academic Advisor. Their schedule will be prepared after all Edline requests have been completed. Mrs. Serrano will schedule students into courses who fail to submit their registration forms.

Students will be scheduled into classes once ALL financial obligations to the school have been met.

Please check go to http://www.connellyhs.org/page/academics/curriculum_overview to access the 2010-2011 Curriculum Guide, and instructions on submitting course requests on Edline. A link to The Curriculum Guide is in the right margin of that page. If you have any questions, contact the school.

Only students who meet the pre-requisites will be considered for Honors/Advanced Placement courses. Students planning to enroll in AP/Honors courses are asked to carefully review the requirements. Generally, students with leadership/sports/major co-curricular responsibilities are encouraged **not to enroll in more than three AP/Honors courses per semester. A petition form may be submitted if a student is not recommended and requests a review of her transcript. Forms are available at the front office and from the Academic Counselors.**

Please note that the University of California assigns extra points toward a student's GPA for up to 8 semesters of certified Honors/AP level work completed in 10th and 11th grades. **Not more than four semesters of courses taken in the 10th grade may be given honor points.** D grades do not earn extra points. No extra points are given for Honors English II, Honors Geometry, Honors World History, or Honors Algebra II/Trigonometry. **Cornelia Connelly does grant the extra point for all Honors/AP courses in the calculation of Connelly's grade point averages.**



COLLEGE CORNER

Seniors: Keep Mrs. Anderson posted on your acceptances and scholarships. Congratulations on all your hard work! Several colleges/universities are still accepting applications. See Mrs. Anderson if interested. Remember, May 1 is the commitment deadline to your college of choice. Those planning on attending a UC and with less than 680 on the SAT Writing section must take the Analytical Writing Placement Examination on Saturday, May 9. Information on the exam is available at www.ucop.edu/sas/awpe. If you plan to attend a CSU and have less than 550 on the SAT Critical Reading or Math tests, you must take placement exam(s). You can take the exams locally if attending a distant CSU. Contact CSU Mentor or www.ets.org/csu for more information.

Juniors: Plan on taking appropriate **SAT Subject Tests** in May or June. You may register online. See Ms. Posada if you need help. Please see Ms. Posada if you have not made an appointment about your 2010-2011 class schedule. Many of you have already taken the **SAT Reasoning Test** or **ACT** and done well. If you didn't do as well as you had hoped, plan to take a preparation course in the summer and retake the tests in the fall.

Freshman/Sophomores: You too should plan on taking appropriate **SAT Subject Tests** in June. You may register online. Stop by Mrs. Anderson or Ms. Posada's office if you have questions.

All Students: The College Center has loads of information on summer opportunities across the country. Come check it out! You can take classes earning honors credit at many campuses. See Mrs. Anderson for more information. Or you can take online courses through various programs. Try <http://www.ucopenaccess.org/>. A good way to remedy D/F grades is to take online courses. Try cleanrn@byu.edu, other online programs, or summer school at Servite, Rosary, or Mater Dei. Scholarship opportunities, and general college information is posted on Ms. Posada's bulletin board outside of her office and is updated weekly.

Thank you to all of the parents and students who attended the Connelly College Fair on Monday, April 26! Sixty colleges, universities and testing companies participated.

Important Dates

May 1	Postmark deadline for fall freshmen to return Statement of Intent to Register forms to their college/university of choice
May 1	SAT Reasoning & Subject Tests
May 7	Registration deadline for June 12 ACT
May 8	UC Analytical Writing Placement Examination

Participants in Connelly's College Fair on April 26

Adelphi University
 Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, Florida
 California College of the Arts, San Francisco
 California Institute of Technology, Pasadena
 California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks
 California State University, East Bay
 Chapman University, Orange
 Creighton University, Omaha, NE
 Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
 Everest College
 Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM)
 Florida Institute of Technology
 George Mason University
 Gonzaga University
 Hawaii Pacific University
 Holy Cross college, Notre Dame, IN
 Hope International University
 Illinois Institute of Technology
 Indiana University Purdue University of Indiana
 Iona College
 La Sierra University
 Le Cordon Blue, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
 Loyola University Chicago
 Marist College
 Marymount College
 Milwaukee School of Engineering
 Mount St. Mary's University
 Norwich University
 Ohio State University – Columbus
 Pace University
 Princeton
 Providence College
 Purdue University, Indiana
 Regis University
 Richmond, the American International University
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 St. Mary's College of California
 St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN
 Salve Regina University
 Savannah College of Art and design, Georgia
 Seton Hall University
 Soka University of America
 Stony Brook University- SUNY
 Suffolk University
 Texas Christian University
 Texas Tech University
 University of Alabama
 University of Kansas
 University of Maryland
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 University of Montana
 University of San Francisco
 University of Utah
 University of California, Irvine
 University of California, Merced
 Whittier College
 Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio
 Testing Companies: Kaplan and Princeton Review

* More colleges may be added

COLLEGE CORNER (continued)

Juniors

Nordstrom Scholarship Program 2010 is open to current high school juniors who reside in Los Angeles County and Orange County. You must have a cumulative, unweighted GPA of at least 2.7, be a high school junior, participate in community and volunteer activities, plan to apply for financial assistance to attend college, and be eligible to attend a four-year college or university in the United States. Nordstrom will award five scholarships in the amount of \$10,000, paid in annual installments of \$2,500 over four years. Students can get an application online at www.Nordstrom.com/scholarship. Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 15**.

Juniors and Seniors

The B. Davis Scholarship is available to all high school juniors and seniors. To apply, write an essay of less than 1,000 words on the topic: "Describe the three characteristics of leadership you value most. Discuss whether you believe you possess some or all of these qualities, and describe an experience where you developed and/or demonstrated some or all of these traits." Submit your completed essay to awards@scholarshipquesthelper.com by **May 28**.

Abbot & Fenner are committed to continuing their efforts at helping those who have the desire and ambition to succeed. To apply for this \$1,000 scholarship, write a 500- to 1000-word essay on the topic "What do you see as the long term impact of our current recession on the average family? How might it affect their future decisions?" Submit your completed essay to scholarship@abbottandfenner.com by **June 19**.

Seniors

Seniors of Japanese ancestry, please see Mrs. Anderson. The Suburban Optimist Club of Buena Park wishes to honor you!

The Big Dig Scholarship is available to high school seniors who will be entering their first year of college. You must submit an essay of 500 to 1,000 words that answers the following: "In 200 years, one of your relatives is going to be digging in what is now your backyard. They are going to find something that you buried in 2010, and it is going to put any financial worries to rest. Your job today is to decide what to bury. Your goal is to find something that will have immense value in the future." Go to <http://antiquetrader.tv/studentscholarship.php> for more information. Award amount is \$3,000. Deadline is **April 30**.

The Orange County, CA Chapter of the Executive Women's Golf Association (EWGA) invites female high school seniors to submit applications for its annual scholarship. Applicants must be legal U.S. residents and attending high school in Orange County. Applications are available at www.ewgoc.org. The application deadline is **May 1**.

The **Balboa Bay Republican Women** are offering an academic scholarship. You must be a U.S. Citizen, a Republican and a resident of Orange County. You should have a minimum GPA of 3.5. An oral interview is required as well as a 1,000 word essay (or less) on "Why the United States Constitution is Unique in Human History". They also want an official transcript, a current photograph and 2 letters of recommendation. All information must be submitted by **May 17**.

Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc- Tau Beta Chapter California State University, Long Beach Annual Scholarships (one at \$500 and two at \$250). The scholarship is open to women who are graduating high school seniors. You must be female and have a 3.0 GPA. Required items: personal biography, a letter of recommendation, and official high school transcript. Please see Ms. Posada if you would like a scholarship packet. Your application must be postmarked by **May 24**.

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 athleticawards@bigsunathletics.com. Go to www.bigsunathletics.com for more information. Deadline is **June 24**.

All Students

The Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America, the National Football League Players, Association and Discovery Education and It's 21Just Pass have a campaign designed to help reinforce the message that the legal drinking age is 21, and to help educate students on the consequences and risks of underage drinking. Take a short, interactive online quiz and enter to win a \$5,000 scholarship; the school with the largest number of entries will win a school assembly featuring an NFL player. Go to www.its21justpass.com to take the quiz to be entered into a drawing.

Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship – a \$1,000 award - is available to 9th-12th grade 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. Deadline is **July 31**.

May Is the Month For Connelly P.A.T.S.!

Parents Appreciate Teachers and Staff

Each year, as our daughters mature and become charming, poised, and intelligent young women, we take the time to applaud those who are there to educate and nurture them spiritually and emotionally. This time has arrived!

Let's show our appreciation with generous P.A.T.S. for our faculty and staff.

All financial gifts donated will comprise the **2010-2011 P.A.T.S. Fund**. This fund allows teachers and staff the opportunity to enrich their professional skills by providing the financial means to attend workshops, seminars or classes or to purchase educational enriching tools for the classroom. No matter how you look at it, our girls are the winners.

P.A.T.S. gifts may be given in honor of a special teacher or staff member. Are there several you admire? Why not give recognition to each one?

How to give:

- ◆ Complete one or more of the forms provided below.
- ◆ Attach your gift of appreciation – a minimum of \$3 per honored person, please.
 - Make checks payable to **Cornelia Connelly School**
- ◆ Return this form and your check to the school in a sealed envelope marked P.A.T.S. **The deadline has been extended to May 5.**



Questions? Please call Aykesha Walker at 714-776-1717 Ext. 248 or Izzy Velasco at 714-776-1717, Ext. 221.

I would like to show my appreciation to (Honoree's name): _____

Please sign my card as follows: _____

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