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### PROFILE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

#### THE SCHOOL

Cornelia Connelly School of the Holy Child is a Catholic, independent, college preparatory school for young women, grades 9 - 12. Established in 1961, the School takes its name from Cornelia Connelly, who founded the Society of the Holy Child Jesus in 1846. The School is sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Child. The Society operates schools – preschool through college level - in the United States, Europe and Africa. Ethnically diverse, Connelly draws students from a wide geographic area, including Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Admission is selective. Students submit an application with junior high grades, a personal essay and recommendations. They are chosen on the basis of commitment to learning, their application information, an interview and entrance examination scores.

#### MISSION & PHILOSOPHY

Cornelia Connelly School inspires young women to achieve academic excellence and develop into confident, articulate young leaders who are guided by Catholic principles to serve our global society. A Roman Catholic, independent, college-preparatory high school for girls, Cornelia Connelly School promotes academic excellence, faith development, global consciousness, and moral and ethical behavior.

#### ACCREDITATION

California Association of Independent Schools, Holy Child Network of Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Western Catholic Educational Association

#### MEMBERSHIPS

American Alliance for Health Physical Education Recreation Dance, American College of Medical Science, American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language, American Historical Association, American Library Association, American School Counselor Association, Association of Independent School Librarians, Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development, California Association of School Counselors, California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, California Interscholastic Federation, California Language Teacher Association, California Science Teacher Association, Independent School Management, National Association for College Admission Counseling, National and California Associations of Independent Schools, National Catholic Education Association, National Coalition of Girls' Schools, National Council of Teachers of English, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, National Federation of High Schools, National Honor Society, National Science Teachers Association, Orange County American Chemical Society Education Committee, Phi Delta Kappa International, The College Board, Western Catholic Educational Association, Western Association for College Admission Counseling

<b>NUMBERS</b>	Current enrollment: 150 Average class size: 17 Faculty/Staff: 37	Seniors: 45  [3 PhDs, 19 Master's Degrees]	
<b>SCHEDULE</b>	Two semester system with a rotating block schedule. Each class meets four times every 7 day cycle for 280 minutes: 70-70-70-70.		
<b>GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS</b>	Community Service (80 hours) English (8 semesters) Fine Arts (3 semesters) World Language (6 semesters) Mathematics (6 semesters beginning with Algebra I)	Physical Education (4 semesters) Religious Studies (8 semesters) Science (6 semesters) Social Studies (6 semesters)	
<b>HONORS COURSES</b>	Advanced Handbells Advanced Vocal Ensemble Algebra I Algebra II/Trigonometry Biology Chemistry	Economics English I English II English III English IV Geometry	Latin III Mandarin III Physics Pre-calculus Spanish III World History
<b>AP COURSES</b>	Biology Calculus AB Calculus BC Chemistry Chinese	English Language English Literature Environmental Science Government	Latin Spanish Language Studio Art US History
<b>GRADING</b>	The current grading scale is as follows:		
	A+ = 98-100 B+ = 87-89 C+ = 77-79 D+ = 67-69 F = <60	A = 93-97 B = 83-86 C = 73-76 D = 63-66	A- = 90-92 B- = 80-82 C- = 70-72 D- = 60-62
<b>GPA</b>	The GPA is reported both weighted and unweighted based on ninth, tenth and eleventh grades. It is recalculated at the end of each semester of the senior year. Only academic, 5 credit courses are included.		
<b>CLASS RANK</b>	Since Connelly is a small, solely college preparatory school with competitive admissions, rank-in-class is not used.		
<b>TRI-SCHOOL THEATRE</b>	This award-winning program offers students arts exposure and training for all grades and theater experience levels. Tri-School Theatre offers classes in acting, musical theatre, and technical theatre. Other opportunities include an improv team, 3-4 mainstage productions a year, a critical writing team, mentorship, and showcase of student work. "Tri-School Theatre is an educational theatre ministry that uses the performing arts as a way for students to discover themselves and to nurture their God-given talents through process-oriented training in a Christ-centered environment."		
<b>ATHLETICS</b>	Connelly is affiliated with the Express and San Joaquin Leagues in the Western Athletic conference of C.I.F. Swimming and Golf cross-league to the Del Rey League. The school fields competitive teams in Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, and Volleyball.		

<b>AP EXAMS</b>	<b>2016</b>	153 exams taken	76% of students scored 3 or higher
<b>NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM</b>	<b>2011 – 2016</b>	Commended	24

**CLASS OF 2015 WEIGHTED GPA DISTRIBUTION (45 students total)**

GPA	# of students
4.50-4.77	4
4.49-4.25	9
4.24-4.00	9
3.99-3.75	5
3.74-3.50	8
3.49-3.25	2
3.24-3.00	3
<3.0	5

**2016 TESTING INFORMATION**

	SAT			ACT
	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Composite
Connelly 75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>630</b>	
Connelly 50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	<b>550</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>25.8</b>

Cornelia Connelly School's ACT and SAT averages are above the state and national averages for female test takers. Please see the Cornelia Connelly School website for state and national averages.

The latest in technology is available to Connelly students; including SMART Board® technology in all classrooms and iPads used for course work across disciplines. An IDEAS Center (STEAM Lab) is available to students to foster creativity and collaboration in a hands-on learning environment.

Connelly students have a wide range of clubs and activities available. Some clubs focus on community service, while others focus on students' special interests. Activities range from Connelly traditions such as Spirit Week and Class Plays, to co-curricular events and dances with students from our brother school, Servite, also located in Anaheim. Additionally, students can participate in Mock Trial, National Honors Society (NHS), Robotics, Academic Decathlon, as well as Associated Student Body (ASB) Offices. Connelly also has a Cheer squad that performs at both Connelly and Servite athletic events. Juniors and Seniors have the opportunity to take a Close Up trip to Washington D.C., where students from around the nation meet for a conference and observe our nation's government in action. International trips are available each year, as well as domestic and international exchange programs with other Holy Child Schools.



## Classes of 2014 - 2016 College Acceptances

Adelphi University	Lesley University	Southern Oregon University	
American University	Lewis & Clark University	Sweet Briar College	
Arizona State University	Linfield College	Syracuse University	
Assumption College	Loyola Marymount University	Texas A&M University	
Benedictine College	Loyola University, Chicago	Texas Christian University	
Birmingham Southern University	Loyola University, Maryland	The University of California	
Boise State University	Lynchburg College	Berkeley	Riverside
Boston College	Mahidol University	Davis	San Diego
Boston University	Marist College	Irvine	Santa Barbara
Brandeis University	Marquette University	Los Angeles	Santa Cruz
Bryant University	Marymount California University	Merced	
California Polytechnic University Pomona San Luis Obispo	Marymount University	University of Arizona	
California State University	Maryville University	University of Chicago	
Channel Islands Monterey Bay	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	University of Colorado, Boulder	
Chico Northridge	Mercyhurst University	University of Connecticut	
Dominguez Hills Sacramento	Miami University of Ohio	University of Dallas	
East Bay San Diego	Michigan State University	University of Denver	
Fresno San Francisco	Mount St. Mary's College	University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign	
Fullerton San Jose	New York University	University of La Verne	
Long Beach San Marcos	Northeastern University	University of Mary	
Los Angeles Sonoma	Northern Arizona University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	
Maritime Academy	Notre Dame de Namur University	University of Mississippi	
Carroll College	Notre Dame of Maryland	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	
Case Western Reserve University	Ohio State University	University of Nevada, Reno	
Chapman University	Pace University	University of New England	
College of the Holy Cross	Pacific University of Oregon	University of New Hampshire	
College of New Jersey	Parsons School of Design	University of New Haven	
Concordia University, Irvine	Penn State University	University of Notre Dame	
Cornell University	Pepperdine University	University of Oregon	
DePaul University	Point Loma University	University of Pittsburgh	
Dominican University	Randolph College	University of Portland	
Drexel University	Regis University	University of Puget Sound	
Fairfield University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Redlands	
Fordham University	Roanoke College	University of San Diego	
Franciscan University of Steubenville	Rosemont College	University of San Francisco	
George Washington University	Sacred Heart University	University of Southern California	
Georgia Southern University	Samford University	University of the Pacific	
Gonzaga University	St. Edwards University	University of Vermont	
Grand Canyon University	St. John's University	University of Washington, Seattle	
High Point University	St. Mary's College of California	University of Wisconsin, Madison	
Hiram College	St. Mary's University, London	Villanova University	
Holy Names University	St. Michael's College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	
Hope College	Salve Regina University	Wagner University	
John Paul the Great Catholic University	Santa Clara University	West Coast University	
Johns Hopkins University	Savannah College of Art and Design	Westmont College	
Kansas State University	Scripps College	Wellesley College	
La Salle University	Seattle University	Willamette University	
La Sierra University	Seattle Pacific University	Whittier College	
Laguna College of Art and Design	Seton Hall University	Whitworth University	
Le Moyne University	Smith College	Xavier University	