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Cornelia Connelly School Senior is Awarded \$40,000 Edison Scholar Scholarship

March 20, 2018 Anaheim, CA – Cornelia Connelly School senior, Colleen Wolfe '18, was awarded a \$40,000 Edison Scholars college scholarship from Southern California Edison (SCE, Edison). Each year, Edison International awards \$40,000 scholarships to 30 high school seniors who want to make a difference in the world by studying science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) in college, and who SCE calls the “Makers of Tomorrow” (Edison International, 2018). Representatives from SCE surprised Colleen, in front of the entire student body, during a regularly scheduled weekly assembly on Monday, March 19.

Under the guise of a guest speaker who came to speak to the all-girls school about STEM opportunities for women, Nicole Kraus, Senior Technical Specialist at Southern California Edison, spoke to the students about her position at SCE and her educational background. After asking several students who were sitting in the front row where they are planning to attend college, she asked Colleen to come up and join her at the podium to answer questions about her college and her interests. Shortly after, Nicole presented Colleen with a giant-sized \$40,000 check from Southern California Edison, catching her quite off guard. Upon hearing the announcement, Connelly’s student body erupted into ecstatic screams that thundered throughout the auditorium. Colleen’s mother, Carole Macaulay, who was seated in the audience, was also happily surprised. After the assembly, many of the students rushed to congratulate Colleen, who had just finished taking photos and being interviewed by local news stations.

Since 2006, SCE, through the Edison Scholars Program, has awarded more than \$7.5 million in scholarships to 580 deserving students. Colleen was among thousands of this year’s applicants who live in SCE’s service territory, which covers a 50,000 square-mile area of central, coastal and Southern California and services more than 15 million people. Scholarship applicants had to meet the following criteria:

- Be a high school senior with at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA, plan to pursue studies in the STEM fields at a four-year accredited college or university, and show financial need.

- Specific college majors include: computer and information systems, engineering, engineering technology, management information systems, mathematics, natural resources and conservation, or physical sciences.
- Finalists also had to also submit a short video (Edison International, 2018).

Colleen, who is the student body class president, plans to study mechanical engineering in the hopes that she will contribute to advancing renewable energy. Colleen has not yet decided where she will attend university, but is considering both the University of California San Diego (UCSD) and the University of San Diego (USD).

CBS 2/KCAL 9 aired the surprise on their 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. news. Clips in the link below.

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Cornelia Connelly School in Anaheim: Founded and sponsored by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus in 1961, Connelly is a Catholic, independent, college-preparatory high school for young women. The school is a member of the Holy Child Network of Schools and is sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus. The Society of the Holy Child Jesus operates schools – preschool through college level – in the United States, Europe and Africa. Exchange programs offer Connelly's students unique opportunities to study at Holy Child Schools in the United States and Europe. Connelly's exceptional curriculum and programs prepare young women to be leaders based on an underlying philosophy of trust, reverence and respect. For more information about the school, please go to

www.connellyschoollanaheim.org.

Edison International. *Edison Scholars: The Makers of Tomorrow*. Retrieved from:

<https://www.edison.com/home/community/edison-scholars.html>



Caption for above photo 1 (*colleen-wolfe-check.jpg*): Cornelia Connelly School senior, Colleen Wolfe, holds her \$40,000 check as the recipient of Southern California Edison’s Edison Scholars scholarship.

Caption for above photo 2 (*colleen-wolfe-mom-cheri-caroline.jpg*): l-r: Connelly college counselor (Caroline Tran Ryan), Colleen's mother (Ms. Macaulay), Colleen Wolfe, and Connelly Head of School, (Cheri Pfeiffer Wood).

Caption for above photo 3 (*colleen-wolfe-group-students.jpg*): l-r: Cornelia Connelly School senior, Colleen Wolfe, is surrounded by friends as she holds her \$40,000 check as the recipient of Southern California Edison’s Edison Scholars scholarship.