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Cornelia Connelly School's Beautiful Graduation Tradition Continues

Anaheim, CA – On Sunday, June 3, 2018 Cornelia Connelly School held its 54th commencement ceremony. In keeping with the nationwide Holy Child Network of Schools' tradition, Connelly graduates wore beautiful floor-length white gowns, white gloves, and each carried a bouquet of elegant red roses during the outdoor ceremony that took place on Connelly's Sullivan-Henry Field.

Students, faculty, staff, and families were proud to welcome Connelly alumna, Naomi Morita Jaszweski '82, back to campus as the keynote speaker. After graduating from Connelly, Mrs. Jaszweski attended Harvard University where she graduated with a degree in biology, and was elected to the distinguished position of a Radcliffe Class Marshal, which allowed her to serve her Harvard community at the graduation ceremony. Jaszweski carried the Holy Child educational philosophy with her through the years, demonstrating a continued commitment to academic excellence during her years studying at Harvard. Her dedication to leadership and service are evident throughout her career in the biotech/pharmaceutical industry where she held leadership positions for over 20 years, including leading the diversity and inclusion team at Genentech.

CCS students participated in the Holy Child Exchange Program, studying abroad in Ireland and England. The service-oriented student body **volunteered over 13,113 service hours** across southern California and the world – with some students traveling all the way to India and Vietnam to serve others! The Class of 2018 was awarded **\$4,006,442** in talent and **merit-based scholarships**, and were accepted by such notable universities as **USC, UCLA, Notre Dame, Johns Hopkins, and Harvard**, taking the school motto of "lead, serve and inspire" to heart!

Cornelia Connelly School in Anaheim celebrated its 57th anniversary in October 2018. 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 Society of the Holy Child Jesus operates and sponsors schools – preschool through college level – in the United States, Latin America, Europe and Africa. Connelly's exceptional curriculum and programs prepare young women to be leaders based on an underlying philosophy of trust, reverence and respect. Connelly's student body is a tapestry of socioeconomic and cultural diversity, reflecting the population of Southern California. For more information about the school, please go to www.connellyschoollanaheim.org.



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Cornelia Connelly School graduates wore traditional white dresses and carried red roses at the June 3 graduation ceremony. (photo credit: Reinbold Michael B Photography)



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Radiant graduates appear gracefully poised before commencement ceremonies began on Sunday, June 3.