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Connelly Students Awarded \$500 from OC Water District for OC Science & Engineering Fair Entry

May 8, 2019 - Anaheim, CA – Cornelia Connelly School sophomores Samie Baclig and Allison Hernandez were presented a special monetary award of \$500 by the Orange County Water district for their Orange County Science and Engineering Fair project, “Going With the Flow: Using Flocculation to Determine Amount of Total Suspended Solids in Freshwater Samples.”

The Connelly students were one of 10 winning teams and individuals in Orange County who were presented monetary awards totaling \$3,000 at the May 1 OCWD Board meeting.

OCSEF is an annual event organized to encourage the youth of Orange County to learn about science and engineering and to consider a career in these fields. OCSEF is a non-profit, run completely by unpaid volunteers comprised of working and retired scientists, engineers and educators.

According to OCWD President Vicente Sarmiento, “OCSEF is a program that the District Board feels strongly about to advance science, technology, engineering, and math careers; and proudly supports it with the yearly special award funding for water-related projects.”

Cornelia Connelly School, Anaheim Founded and sponsored by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus in 1961, Cornelia Connelly School is the only independent Catholic college-preparatory high school for girls in Orange County. Connelly is a member of the Holy Child Network of Schools, which operates schools – preschool through college level – in the United States, 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. For more information about the school, please go to www.connellyschoollanaheim.org.

Photo courtesy of OCWD. Caption: Connelly sophomores Samie Baclig and Allison Hernandez received a \$500 award from OCWD for their science project, “Going With the Flow: Using Flocculation to Determine Amount of Total Suspended Solids in Freshwater Samples.”