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Leeyen Peralta '19 Signs Letter of Intent to Play Division 1 Golf at Quinnipiac University

November 15, 2018, Anaheim, CA – Cornelia Connelly School senior, Leeyen Peralta, achieved her “long-awaited dream” of playing college-level golf by signing her letter of intent yesterday. Her personal golf coach Mark Reid, Connelly golf coach David Jueneman, Director of Athletics Timmerie Henry, Connelly’s Head of School Cheri Wood, and her parents Joseph and Leslie Peralta, joined her at the signing table for the momentous occasion, which took place on National Signing Day (November 14) in front of Connelly’s student body, faculty, and staff.

Director of Athletics, Timmerie Henry, led the audience in the countdown to her signing the letter. Her classmates erupted in cheers as she signed the letter, placed a Quinnipiac University hat on her head, and then broke into a big smile.

The humble athlete is known for her selflessness both on and off the course. In a previous interview with OC Catholic, when asked about her favorite aspects of golf, she replied that in addition to improving the details of her game, she likes encouraging her teammates to become better players. Her Connelly golf coach added, “she’s extremely supportive of her teammates, always cheering and encouraging them.”

After she signed, the soft-spoken athlete thanked all of her supporters in her journey to this day, noting that she “would not be sitting here if it wasn’t for each and every one of them.” She added that she wanted to let her Connelly sisters know that as she signed this letter of intent, that she was “signing it for all of us, because I take you with me in my heart as I move onto this new chapter in my life.” Always the encourager, Leeyen told her fellow classmates, “Wherever you are in your life, with hard work, the belief in yourself, and the wonderful support of the Connelly community, I can confidently say that it is definitely possible to achieve your dreams.”

Leeyen is Connelly’s first golf athlete to sign a letter of intent with a Division I school this year. Leeyen received a 4-year, full scholarship to Quinnipiac University, which is located in Hamden, Connecticut.

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, 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.connellyschoolanaheim.org.



Caption for above photo 1 (*leeyen-group-hat-nod.jpg*): Leeyen Peralta '19 is all smiles after she signs her Letter of Intent to play Division I golf for Quinnipiac University.



Caption for above photo 2 (*Leeyen_cake.jpg*): Leeyen Peralta '19 gives a thumbs up as she stands next to a cake decorated with Quinnipiac University's logo.