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"THE HIGH-HEELED WEARING HEAD OF SCHOOL"

BY VALENTINA PEREZ



Photo by: Mrs. Werelius

The school year has once again begun, and this is a year of many changes. Elyssa Savellano '21 and I were lucky enough to interview Connelly's new Head of School, Jacqueline Sienkowski! Mrs. Transitioning into the position of Head of She keeps me balanced." School is no easy task. However, like anything Mrs. Sienkowski does, she has done it so gracefully. "The first week of school has been a lot more comfortable for me because I've been able to adjust to this office and my new role," she explained. Though she loves her new position, she wants the community to know that she misses her students every day. When asked about her goals for the school, Mrs. Sienkowski gave a wide smile and responded, "I've got a lot of goals, one of which is to continue to remind our student's, faculty, staff, and parents of who we are as a community. We are an incredibly blessed group in a community that exists nowhere else but Connelly." Overall, Mrs. Sienkowkski envisions this year as one of "mercy and grace". She also hopes to increase class sizes. "We're aiming to attract 50 students per class size, which would mean we could add new class and elective options and still keep a small class size". Mrs. Sienkowski values giving our girls the individualized education that is integral to the Connelly experience. In addition, the Connelly Community should look forward to a new eight-foot gate that will be built at the front of the campus.

When asked how it feels to be "top

dog", she laughed and responded, "I have many gifts and talents but I also have my flaws. So this year I'm allowing myself to focus on what I do really well all the while continuing to ask for help in areas that I need guidance in. That's why I turn to Dr. Rauterkaus, we're all in this together." When asked about her favorite aspect of her position, the new Head of School replied without hesitation, "Maria Teresa, the most amazing woman I've ever met. There is not a heart that is kinder, and she really takes care of me. It's funny to remember that at the beginning of the school year, I didn't think I needed an assistant. But now? She is so integral to my day. Not only as my sister, but she is integral to my success.

Considering the amazing job she's been doing, the Connelly Community might find it unexpected that Mrs. Sienkowski never pictured herself to be where she is today. "I'll be honest with you, when they asked me if I would take it, I almost said no. It's not what I anticipated for myself and you know how much I love teaching. But then I remembered, "Yes, Lord, Always Yes" (a quote by Mother Connelly) while sitting "It wasn't something I in Mass. automatically wanted to take on, but it is something I can feel myself being called to do so that I can help bring positive growth to our community." Finally, Mrs. Sienkowski would like to directly address the Connelly Community: "The fact is that we are the Connelly COMMUNITY and that, ladies, sets you apart. We are the best that there is to offer in academics, community, love, and support. I would like to remind the Connelly Community that all of us should always hold each other up as the sisters we all are." A special thank you to Mrs. Sienkowski for taking time out of her busy schedule for this interview. The Connelly community would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Sienkowski as she takes on her new position and we wish her the best!

Mass of the Holy Spirit

On Friday the 13th, the whole school came together for the Mass of the Holy Spirit. This Mass was even more special for Connelly because it was when our beloved Mrs. Sienkowski was officially inducted as our new Head of School. Board members, fellow faculty from sister schools to Connelly, parents, Sisters of the Holy Child Order, and fellow Connelly faculty and students were there to cheer on Mrs. Sienkowski as she took on her new



Eileen McDevitt inducting Mrs. Sienkwoshi. Photo by: Alicia Dofelmier

on her role. During his homily, Father Horan spoke about the spirit of Mother Connelly and about how Mrs. Sienkowski truly encompasses Mother Conelly's spirit. We were blessed to have Eileen McDevitt, the Director of the Holy Child Network of Schools, induct Mrs. Sienkowski as Head of School.

When asked to describe how the Mass was Brooke Medina class of '22 said, "It was very inspiring." Jené DeGrood '21 described it as "A beautiful and momentous occasion." After the Mass, we all filed into the auditorium for a lovely tribute to Mrs. Sienkowski which was put together by Nina Menzagopian and had



Brooke Medina '22 and NIna Menzagopian '21 smile before Mass starts. Photo by: Alicia Dofelmier



The alter for the Mass of the Holy Spirit. Photo by: Alicia Dofelmier

Ms. Torres, Mrs. Morris, Dr. Rauterkus, Emily Arendt '20, and Maya Ordonez '20 all say something that they loved about Mrs. Sienkowski, their favorite moments with her, and one word to describe her.



Our new Head of School addressing the Connelly Community. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Cynthia

The video can be found on the Connelly Chronicle youtube channel. It was definitely a touching way to show Mrs. Sienkowski just how much she means to

When asked what she thought of the Mass Mrs. Sienkowski stated, "It was a beautiful and gorgeous Mass as we celebrated the presence of the Holy Spirit."

The entire Connelly Community worked tirelessly to make sure that Mrs. Sienkowski would remember this Mass for the rest of her life. She truly is a guiding light, role model, and inspiration to all of us

Congratulations Mrs. Sienkowski!

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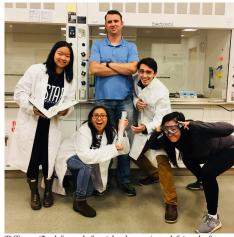
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Alumni Spotlight: Tiffany Lubrino '18

BY RAEANNE MARCIAL



Tiffany (2nd from left with glasses) and friends from other science majors with her chemistry teacher. Photo by: Tiffany Lubrino '18

Tiffany Lubrino, a graduate from the Class of 2018, is currently a sophomore at Chapman University and is pursuing her life-long dream. Just recently, she switched her major from pre-pharmacy to health science with an emphasis in premedicine. Performing arts is also a big part in her life, so she will be auditioning for the musical theatre minor in the spring. Lubrino is involved in different clubs and organizations such as Kapamilya and Chapman Strong Girls. Kapamilya is a Filipino club that celebrates and leanrs about the roots of the Filipino culture. Over the fall she participated in the fun Friendship Games at California State University, Fullerton where different Filipino clubs from different colleges gather together to compete in an Olympic-style game. Lubrino made many of her close friends and learned so much more about her Filipino identity. She also decided to join the Chapman Strong Girls club because she likes to work out at the gym as a hobby. This club offers different workout days and encourages students to live a healthy lifestyle. This year, Lubrino will be joining the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) which provides opportunities to learn more about the medical field and shadow doctors in hospitals.

Lubrino is 110% grateful for how Connelly prepared her for college academically and helped her to continue serving God and practicing her Catholic faith. Connelly guided her to gain the confidence needed to pursue a major that she is eager for. She is able to share her gifts and talents with a huge community where she can sing, do theatre, and have a passion for medicine and science. "Connelly has given me the skills to

Dear Cornelia...

Dear Cornelia is a special feature of the Connelly Chronicle. Questions for Dear Cornelia may be left in the mailbox outside of Classroom 16.



Dear Cornelia,

I have a "friend" who is consistently rude and disrespectful to me. She and I are in a friend group together. My parents don't like her and she doesn't seem to like me. I can't stop hanging out with her because all my other friends like her and my parents are friends with her parents. How do I stop hanging out with her without causing drama?"

Dear the one with the "friend",

I hope you know that your situation isn't unique and it's happened to lots of us, so don't think that you're being dramatic. You don't have to keep hanging out with her directly. Don't keep yourself in any situation where you feel mistreated. What I think you should do is communicate with her and your family. A lack of communication is usually the downfall to most relationships. Talk to her. Try and understand each other and come to some sort of mutual respect. If you try that and she's still mistreating you, though it might be hard, speak up about your discomfort to your friends. If it continues to happen and your friends are aware and aren't sticking up for you, you need to find new friends. You are worth so much more and you deserve good friendships. Also, if you're

"lead, serve, and inspire" at Chapman's platform where I can do "anything imaginable," she proudly states.

Three best advice or tips that Lubrino suggests for anyone in the Connelly community who is worried and stressed about college is "1) it is going to be okay, 2) you are not alone, and 3) just be yourself." When she first came into Chapman, she was stressed that she had to get her whole future and life planned out.



Tiffany (bottom farthest right) with her friends from Kapamilya. Photo by: Tiffany Lurino '18

you are honest with your parents about how you feel, I'm sure they'll stop putting you in a situation where you have to interact with her. The main idea here is to communicate. Remember, do your best to stay respectful through all of this and try to be the bigger person. Anyone who treats you like that clearly has issues of their

Dear Cornelia,

Recently I've been feeling so unmotivated to do my work. Sometimes it's hard to get out of bed. Do you have any advice on how

to stay positive while in school? Dear Unmotivated, First of all, I understand. School is in no way easy and can overwhelm us to the point where we feel unmotivated to even keep trying. What's important is that we remind ourselves that though high school can be tough, it's also supposed to be some of the greatest years of our lives. Personally, I try to remind myself of my own goals and what I need to do to

achieve them. Often times when my own goals seem too out of reach and I feel unmotivated to try, I visualize myself doing everything I need to do and being successful. My goals revolve around mostly around my career choice, but it can be simpler than that. For example, career aside, I hope to be someone who's making the people around her happier. Think about something like that. That being said, get out of bed and make things happen. I promise that if you work hard now, it's going to pay off later. If this is senioritis, remember, this is the last push! So give it everything you can. Finally, see if you can set up some meetings with your

P.S. Always remember your worth! XOXO, D.C.

trained professional can do wonders.

local counselor. Talking about this with a

But she realized that God has an ultimate plan for her and everyone and one must listen to His calling. She also says that everyone goes through the same ups and downs in life and are also stressed out. However, there are many other positive things ahead in everyone's lives and everyone should try to keep their head up even in difficult times. She says that "college is a place where you take the time to ultimately know your passion, strengths, and weaknesses. If you try to be someone else, then you are leading yourself to a place where you will not thrive and succeed." Lastly, she would like to say to "take advantage of the experiences and opportunities here in college, take it all in, and have fun". May we wish Tiffany Lubrino good luck in her upcoming and fun endeavors!

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KOALA FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

BY ANYA IBASCO

Now that the new school year has arrived, our big sisters have left and our little koala sisters have arrived! In the first edition of the school year, we are featuring senior Kris Nguyen '20 and the members of her Koala Family.

This family is quite an athletic one, with each of its members playing a sport. Kris loves playing soccer and plans to be part of the Connelly team for four years. Alli Hernandez '21 is passionate about swimming and also plans to be on the team all four years. Chloe Marick '22 plays both tennis and basketball while Holly Barragán '22 plans to be on the cross country, basketball, and softball teams. Their freshman, Sabrina Piazza '23, has started her first season on the cross country team and is enjoying it! In addition to playing sports, this family is involved in a wide range of other activities in the Connelly community such



Kris Nguyen '20 with her Koala Family, Ali Hernandez '21, Holly Barragan '22, Chloe Marick '22, and Sabrina Piazza '23. Photo by: Anya Ibasco as Advanced Women's Ensemble, friarbots, mock trial, ambassadors, journalism, and Academic Decathlon.

Upon meeting her family, Kris describes them as "quiet at first, but they're great conversationalists once you get to know them." Although the school year has just started, Alli really "enjoyed giving our new freshman a tour of the school." The rest of the family is looking forward to the many moments they will share together throughout the year such as ring day, sitting together at mass, and ultimately getting to know each other better.

Kris would also like to share some helpful tips and words of advice for the rest of her family. "Try not to procrastinate because time management is key, ask questions in class and get help from your teacher when you need it (go to conference!), turn in your entrance passes (they really affect your grade), and DO YOUR MEMBEAN!"

Ghana Reflection

BY ANYA IBASCO

This past summer, three adventurous Connelly girls, Jessica Ortiz '20, Monica Hyndman '21, and Anya Ibasco '21, along with teacher Mrs. Kam and parent Mrs. Hyndman, went on a life-changing trip to our Holy Child Sister School in Ghana, Africa. As pioneers of this exchange program, the girls spent an amazing 2 weeks exploring a new country, immersing themselves in the culture and education, and most importantly making



Kris Nguyen '20 with her Koala Family, Ali Hernandez '21, Holly Barragan '22, Chloe Marick '22, and Sabrina Piazza '23. Photo by: Anya Ibasco new friends across the globe.

As they arrived in Accra, Ghana, after 30 tiring hours of travel, the girls were ecstatic to finally reach their destination. They were quite the spectacle as children, and even some adults, took long glances at them while they drove by. Upon arriving at the Holy Child School in Cape Coast, Ghana, the Connelly girls were greeted ever so graciously by the nuns and over 1000 students of the school. Being a



Anya Ibasco '21 interacting with a sweet little boy from the Holy Child Preschool. Photo by: Anya

rather strict boarding school, it was unusual for the girls to have visitors their age, let alone foreigners who would be living and learning along with them. They were so excited to hear the news and for the following days, the Connelly girls were bombarded with students introducing themselves, starting up conversations and asking a multitude of questions such as, "What activities do you



Theresa Perry '20 and her self portrait. Photo by: Anya Ibasco.

like?", "What do you think of our country/school?", and the most popular one being, "Do you have a boyfriend?" The Connelly girls loved the endless conversations and interactions with the students as they exchanged stories about their daily lives, interests, and perceptions of Americans.

Holy Child students had fairly rigorous day to day schedules. With mass at 7 am



Monica Hyndman '21 and Anya Ibasco '21 with some girls from the Holy Child school, moments before a dance party began in the dining hall! Photo by: Anya Ibasco

at least four times a week and classes up until 4 pm. However, for most classes, no teacher was present, leaving plenty of free time for the girls. This time was used to bond with the girls as they taught the Connelly students Ghanaian songs, dances, and slang, braided their hair, and took hundreds of pictures on their phones. The Holy Child students were such kind,



Holy Child girls LOVED taking pictures with the Connelly girls' phones! Photo by: Anya Ibasco

positive, and enthusiastic people, and they constantly made the Connelly girls feel welcomed and at home.

The Connelly girls also had the amazing opportunity to go on excursions to various places all over Ghana with the company of the school nuns, seminarians, and a priest. They ate a delicious meal by the beautiful coast, visited one of the largest slave trade castles, Elmina Castle, toured the Ashanti Palace, practiced weaving kenti, a traditional Ghanaian fabric, survived the walk across 7 hanging bridges more than 40 meters above the



Jessica Ortiz '20, Monica Hyndman '21, and Anya Ibasco '21 with their friends Mary, Mary Magdalene, and Jessica. Photo by: Anya Ibasco.

forest floor in Kakum, and so much more. The Connelly girls even got the opportunity to visit two more Holy Child Schools located around the area, a co-ed elementary school as well as a college for women who were studying to become teachers. Through these outings, the Connelly girls were able to learn even more about the rich culture, memorable history, and vibrant personalities of the Ghanaian people.

Overall, the Connelly girls had a truly



The chapel filled with over 1,000 girls at the Holy Child school in Cape Coast, Ghana. Photo by: Anya Ibasco

life-changing and eye-opening experience during their trip to Ghana. The girls realized that although they live on separate continents, come from various cultures and backgrounds, and have very different day to day lives, they are all teenage girls who share the same emotions and share the same spirit of Mother Connelly.

SPORTS, ARTS, AND ENTERTAINMENT

New on Netflix



BY REGINA ZHAO

Falling Inn Love, 2019 PG-13

A girl from San Francisco and her boyfriend have a dying relationship. Desperate for her life to change, she enters a contest to win an inn and a trip to New Zealand. Upon her arrival, she realizes that the house in which she is staying needs a lot of work, so she decides to stay and fix it. While working, she meets a man who helps her fix her house. After staying in New Zealand for some time, they fall in love.



Photo courtesy of girlfriend.com.au .

Tall Girl, 2019 TV-PG

Jodi is the tallest girl in high school, but she's always felt uncomfortable about it. For 16 years, Jodi has been teased by her classmates, until she meets Sting. Sting is an international student who is taller than Jodi. In *Tall Girl*, Jodi works to conquer her insecurities while she gets caught in a love triangle.



Photo courtesy of netflix-news.com
The A LiSt, 2018 TV-PG

Mia is ready to enjoy her summer at a seemingly idyllic summer camp, but a romance and a girl named Amber twist her holiday into a nightmare. When Mia decides that she wants to become Queen Bee of the camp, Amber steps in to thwart her plans,



The A List characters. Photo courtesy of meaww.com

turning all of Mia's supporters against her. *The A List* is a movie concerning friendship, romance, loyalty, and betrayal among young people.

MARVEL'S AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D (SEASON 6) TV-14

After the battle of New York in Marvel's The Avengers, the world is struggling to come to terms with the existence of super heroes and aliens. Agent Phil Coulson is back in action, and closely following the actions of a mysterious group called The Rising Tide. In order to track this unknown enemy, he has assembled a small, highly select group of agents from worldwide law-enforcement organization known as S.H.I.E.L.D. (Strategic Homeland Intervention Enforcement and Logistics Division). The S.H.I.E.L.D. team has a mission: to investigate the new, the strange and the unknown around the globe, protecting the citizens from potential harm.



Marvel Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. poster.
Photo courtesy of imdb.com

My Sister's Keeper, PG-13

Kate suffers from blood cancer. In order to keep her alive, Kate's parents use her younger sister as a donor. For over 11 years, Kate's sister has been providing her with the white blood cells, liver cells, and bone marrow necessary to survive without her own consent. Kate encourages her sister to resist her parents' requests. Kate's sister finds a lawyer who will help her protect the rights of her body, and meets her parents in court.

NEW ART IN

BY CHELSEA BARTILAD NEW YORK

This month, many public art installations are displayed in New York City, the perfect place for creativity! Here are a few of the pieces:

The French photographer and activist JR's mural Inside Out is found on the back of the Hudson Theater in Times Square. It features two familiar faces: Jake Gyllenhaal and Tom Sturridge, who both star in the play Sea Wall/A Life. Gyllenhaal actually requested JR to put his piece on the building, and along with Sturridge, helped paste the pictures on the wall over the summer of this year. The images in Inside Out are in black and hite, containing people of different backgrounds with a variety of facial expressions.

What is interesting about Inside Out is that it is part of JR's ongoing art global project where anyone can participate in. Not only can it be seen in New York, but in different parts of the world, such as Brazil, Mexico, and Thailand (we even have one in Oakland, California)! These murals can be found in the most unexpected places, for example in 2009 gigantic eyes could be found on the walls of the Seine in Paris. What I like about Inside Out is that in each mural, every person in a portrait has a voice, and that voice will be heard.

Located on Lenox Avenue and 125th Street in Harlem are a line of display cases that contain black and white drawings of women (who are not smiling) with captions on the backside, which are directed towards street harassment offenders. These display cases take part in the art series Stop Telling Women To Smile, started by Tatyana Fazlalizadeh, a painter and illustrator. The overall message of this series is that street harassment is a serious topic and many women worldwide are affected by it.

One reason why I like this art series is because I think it was very brave of those women (in the portraits) to join this movement and help spread awareness of this issue. This was very creative of Fazlalizadeh to start this series and I cannot wait to see her future projects.

Do you ever see graffiti art out on the street and think "Whoa, that should be in a museum!"? Well, now you can! Inside 25 Kent Avenue in Williamsburg,

Brooklyn is a remarkable art museum, known as Beyond the Streets, filled with nothing but street art. It contains a variety of pieces ranging from eye-catching murals to quirky sculptures. Many street artists' works will be featured in this exhibition such as MADSAKI, André Saraiva, Carlos Mare, Maripol, and Lisa Kahane. The exhibition will be open until Sunday, September 29, 2019. What I like about this exhibition is that this allows many artists to show off their works and expressions. They practically scream "art"!

All of the pieces I have seen are unapologetically unique and they deserve all the attention they receive and to be put on display.

"The artist sees what others only catch a glimpse of."- Leonardo da Vinci



Sea Wall/A Life's Tom Sturridge, center, and Jake Gyllenhaal, right, are featured in JR's mural Inside Out! Photo courtesy of Untapped Cities.



Drawings of the women who are speaking up against street harassment. Photo courtesy of Untapped Cities.



Featured in Beyond the Streets are the paintings and sculptures of José Parlá. Photo courtesy of The New York Times.

SERVITE VS BISHOP GORMAN

BY CHELSEA BARTILAD



Zedakiah Centers '20 making his way towards the goalpost. Photo courtesy of Servite's Instagram: @servite sports.

On Saturday September 7, 2019, the Servite Football team faced Bishop Gorman in Las Vegas, NV. Before the game, the Friars made their entrance through the Bagpipe Procession, along with their famous Hut Drill on the field.

Although the Friars came off with a rocky start, quarterback Noah Fifita '22 made a 80-yardtouchdown pass to Zedakiah Centers '20, scoring 8 points in the first quarter, along with a loud roar from the crowd. Fifita '22 made a 15-yard pass to Centers '20, however, he was unable to make this score in the second quarter. In the third quarter, Fifita '22 made a 54-yard pass and 50-yard touchdown pass to Centers '20, where they gained a total of 14 points. In the fourth quarter, Fifita '22 made a 19-yard pass to Tetairoa McMiallan '22. Around this time, the Friars had a total of 21 points. The final score was 42-21. In tradition, the game ended with the Hut Drill and the players singing

Due to the long distance, the Asylum was not able to attend the game. However no one would have noticed thanks to the crowd! Filled with the excitement for the game, everyone went wild. Not only did families from Servite come, but the entire Tri-School community came to Las Vegas to watch the game and support the Friars! "I even saw people who go to my parish come to the game!" Jenny Manfredi '22. "[the crowd was] very active and enthusiastic the entire time, and there was a lot of cheering coming from them," Emily Arceo '22 said, "We are very impressed to see how much the boys have grown from last year!" "I've loved my experience on the cheer team as a freshman! I've made awesome friends and I love bonding with fellow Koalas!" Cate Mastroni '23 exclaims, "We are all thankful to support Servite and go to Vegas and watch them play against Bishop Gorman."



Photo courtesy of Servite's Instagram: @servite_sports.

Artist on the Rise:

BY THERESE ENRIQUEZ



NF is an artist who has been around for a couple of years, but whose name is not well known among the general public. However with the release of his newest album The Search, he has been rising on the rap radar. His album before The Search, titled Perception, began his rise to stardom with his most well known song "Let You Down" topping the Billboard Charts. After almost two years out of the public eye, he finally dropped The Search in July, which has gained him much traction. His album even closed out the projected No. 1 album The Big Day by Chance the Rapper and took its place at the top on the Billboard, making it the biggest sales week for a rap set this

NF's songs are based on his personal life and the problems he deals with, which a lot of fans can relate to. NF also incorporates his faith into his music. He raps about real issues that his audiences face daily, and his music provides hope for them. His songs are very vulnerable and show his deepest secrets, especially his songs "Nate" and "How Could You Leave Us" (from the album *Therapy Sessions*). He will be on *The Search* Tour starting this month in which he will be doing shows across the U.S. and Europe. His music is available on all music platforms.



NF during a performance. Courtesy of NME.com

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BY HAILEY FROGNER

Are there any Bachelorette fans reading? Well, if so, you know all about how Jed Wyatt, the man Hannah Brown chose as her husband, was only on the show to gain attention and separated with her after the show. He finally addressed the situation and spoke about how intense the drama was following the end of the show, and how he just wanted to be left alone. Wyatt explained that journaling, fishing, and solitude were the only things that helped him find peace after his time on the show. He revealed that he could no longer write and he reached a low point in his life. Wyatt has begun to recuperate, and is beginning to find motivation. He now enjoys being in social situations again, as opposed to preferring time alone. He defended his actions regarding Hannah by stating that he explained himself thoroughly to her, but things must have been taken out of context. He finished by saying how thankful he was for the experience and everyone who supported him during his time on The Bachelorette.



This is Jed Wyatt and Hannah Brown right after their engagement. Photo courtesy of People Magazine.



Jed playing the guitar for Hannah. Little did she know music would be the reason for their breakup. Photo courtesy of The Bachelorette.

IT'S SPORTS TIME!!!

BY BETHANIE SANFT

Welcome back to another year of school and a new sports season! Our fall sports this school year are cross country, volleyball, golf, and tennis.

So far, the cross country team has not had any competitive races, but they are hard at work preparing for their first one. The line up this year includes Daisy Ibarra '20, Daniela Zavala '20, Miranda Becerra '22, Holly Barragan '22, Faye Yager '22, Sabrina Piazza '23, Charlotte Werelius '23, and Ava De La Santos '23. Everyone is very excited for the new season to begin. "As it is my last year on the Varsity Connelly cross country team, it's bittersweet to know that it's my final lap. Even though it's my senior year, I can see that this year has big things in store for the whole team. We are excelling every day, and have been working hard and tirelessly. My teammates are like a family to me, and having support from each of them truly helps me get through the physical and mental trials of cross country," says Daisy Ibarra '20.

The volleyball line up this year is strong with Therese Vasquez '20, Emily Arendt '20, Chloe Webb '20, Mikaela '20, Sarah Patin '21, Anais Jimenez '21, Lilian Nguyen '21, Penelope Hoyos '21, Tahlia Garcia '21, Sophia Hagerman '22, Megan Mcglinchey '22, Kailea Najara '22, Therese Velazquez '22, Naomi Munoz '22, Brooke Medina '22, Rebekah Patin '23, Olivia Nicholas '23, Chloe Hoyos '23, Mckaylee Martinez '23, Ruth Krebs '23, and Isabella Jimenez '23 composing the junior varsity and varsity teams. "I'm on junior varsity this year and I couldn't have asked for a better team. Even though most of our girls are new, I'm excited to see what they can bring to the court and for our friendship to grow off of the court as well." Therese Vasquez '22.



Photo courtesy of Therese Vasquez '22

The Connelly golfers are pumped for the new season. The line up for this season is Anya Ibasco '21, Zoey Dellalonga '22, Helen Laton '23, and Camila Zavala '23. They will have their first match on September 19th and they can't wait, so make sure to go and support them! Anya Ibasco '21 states, "I'm so excited to see how this new team of golfers grow in their skill throughout the season! Just through the few practices we've had, they've already improved so much and have such great spirits."

The Connelly tennis line up is composed of Aubrey Mandry '20, Raeanne Marcial '20, Chloe Marick '22, Raneem Iftekbar '22, Grace Finley '22, Fiza Omer '23, and Athena Mandi '23. Their first game was on September 9th. Everyone is ready and cannot wait for the new season. "I'm really excited for this upcoming season. This year's team has a really great potential and we have all improved and grown over the summer and practices. Although it is my last year on the tennis team, I am going to make sure to have fun and to take it easy," says Raeanne Marcial '20.

Good luck ladies, and don't forget to have fun!



Anya Ibasco '21 practices her swings for the next game. Photo courtesy of Anya Ibasco '21.



The tennis team poses under that shade before practice. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Finley.



Former Raiders Wide Receiver Antonio Brown (right) and Raiders head coach Jon Gruden (left) during a preseason game. Courtesy of The Athletic.

Oakland Raiders Release Antonio Brown

BY THERESE ENRIQUEZ

Antonio Brown, former Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver, has been involved in a few altercations since he was traded to the Oakland Raiders this past NFL offseason. Nearing the end of his nine years with the Steelers, he was not in a good position with the organization as, through social media, he expressed his disappointment with the Steelers organization and with former teammates Ben Roethlisberger and Juju Smith-Schuster. One of Smith-Schuster's tweets refers to Brown's "big ego," which seems to have gotten Brown in quite a bit of trouble recently.

Last month, the NFL banned the model of helmet Brown had used throughout his entire NFL career due to safety concerns. Upset with this ban, Brown filed a grievance against the NFL and refused to practice or play, threatening to retire unless he would be allowed to continue using his helmet. He rejoined the Raiders after he lost the case, but he returned to a fine totaling almost \$54,000 for all of his unexcused absences, to which he again expressed contempt for over social media.

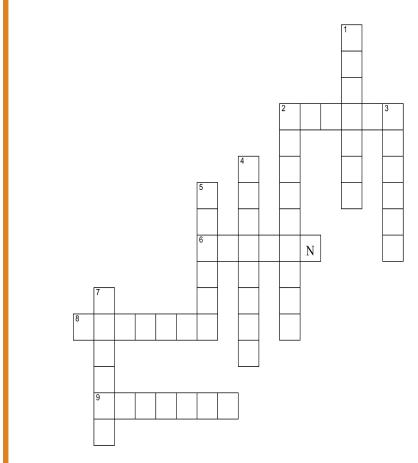
Following this, he had a verbal altercation with Raiders general manager Mike Maycock regarding the fines, and it was decided that he would be suspended from playing in the season opener. The situation was resolved and the statement was reneged so that he would play in the first game against the

Denver Broncos.

Not long after, Brown posted a video of a private phone conversation between him and an unknown party, who is speculated to be Raiders head coach Jon Gruden, to YouTube and Instagram. In the video, the other party tells Brown to "Just play football," to which he responds, "I'm more than just a football player, man. I'm a real person. It ain't about the football, I know how to do that, I show you guys on the daily. This is my life. Ain't no more games."

On the morning of September 7, Brown posted a quote to Instagram with a caption that read, "...Release me @raiders #NOMore..." Several hours after the post, the Raiders organization did just that. They fined him for conduct detrimental to the team and released him. Later that day, Antonio Brown made a deal with the New England Patriots, where he will play for the reigning Super Bowl champions alongside Tom Brady. In his statement of the team's release of Antonio Brown, head coach Jon Gruden claims they "exhausted everything" and that they attempted to resolve their problems. Brown appears happy on his new team, and even posted several pictures of him in a Patriots uniform that same day. That was the end of Brown's very short Raiders career that didn't even last until the first Raiders regular season.





Across:

- 2. this usually goes back in session around autumn (hint: back-to-____ shopping)
- 6. another name for the fall

Starbucks flavor

9. when the

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8. a fall

day and night time are equal lengths

Down

- 1. the month during autumn when Halloween is celebrated
- 2. the first month of fall
- 3. these fall off trees
- 4. the sport people love to watch in the fall
- 5. Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall all are
- 7. the season before fall

Sudoku

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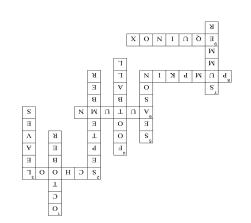


Fall Season



ANSWERS

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COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Grace Edwards '20



Over the summer, I went to Iceland. My parents and I have always wanted to travel to Iceland, because of its amazing natural beauty. One of the waterfalls I visited was Rangárbing Eystra. At this waterfall, you walk completely behind it, which is an incredible experience. A five minute walk from this waterfall is another waterfall in a cave. To get to the base of this waterfall, you have to walk through the stream at the mouth of the cave. It was an amazing experience!

"Bizarre travel plans are dancing lessons from God."
-Kurt Vonnegut

"Travel and change of place impart new vigour to the mind." – Seneca



Therese Enriquez '20



I started doing hair in eighth grade but I really started enjoying braiding my freshman year when my friends would always ask me to do their hair. I started learning new braid techniques off of YouTube, and one of my hair inspirations is probably my friend Ari who also loves to do hair.

My favorite braid right now is the Dutch braid because it's so versatile and you can make so many beautiful hairstyles with this one braid, just like all of the pictures provided. I think braiding is such a cool form of art because it's something you can wear, in a sense, and it can be as simple or as intricate as you want it to be. I created an Instagram last year to share all of my hairstyles with other people which you can follow @hairbyttherese. I hope that other people would be inspired by the way I express creativity!









Chelsea Le '20



This is a poem I wrote reminiscing the life of a classmate who passed away unexpectedly at the budding age of 17. I entered this poem into a contest hosted by the Live Poet Society of New Jersey and my poem was selected for publication as a Topical Winner in the American High School

Poet contest.

"Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words."

-Robert Frost

Fallen Fruit

The budding fruit hangs

Next to a ripe fruit

On the orange tree.

A strong wind blows,

The budding fruit falls,

Swallowed up by the cold ground.

Fall from the tree.

Oh, the ripe fruit laments,

The potential lost,

All the things it could have become.

Oh, the inequity of life,

That favors one over another for

Reasons that cannot be seen.

The budding fruit that once could have been

Exists no more.

It has been forgotten

As another budding fruit will

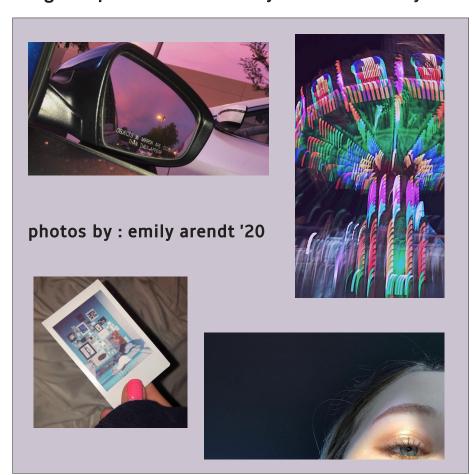
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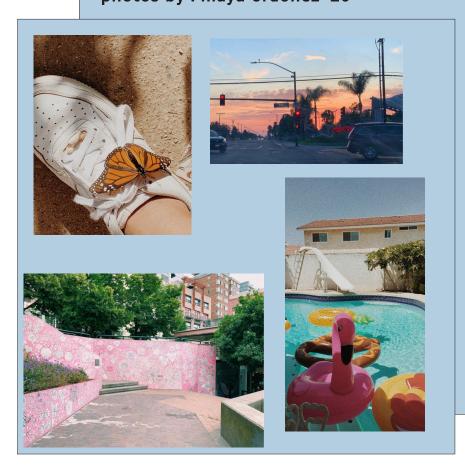
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Our Very Own... VSCO GIRLS

VSCO is a popular photo editing app. This page showcases a few of the stunning images captured and edited by some of our very own Connelly girls!



photos by: maya ordonez '20





photos by : daniela zavala '20







Recently, VSCO has become a wildly popular platform used to help enhance the natural beauty of the user's photos. Many Connelly girls utilize the app for their pics on social media, and pics that are just for fun.

Be right back... I gotta go download it for myself;)

WORLD NEWS



Volunteers bring food and supplies to the Bahamas following Hurricane Dorian. Photo courtesy of Brendan Smidlowski

Hurricane Dorian Reaches Category 5

BY GIGI GALLIANI

The Abaco Islands and the Grand Bahamas — an area often frequented with vacationers — was decimated by Hurricane Dorian as it reached its peak at a Category 5 on September 1, 2019. Recent reports state the death toll has risen to 30. The hurricane reduced its impact as it reached Florida on Friday, September 6, 2019, down to a Category 1 storm.

Dorian is forecasted to bring heavy rainfall to the United States, as it brushes to the Southeast. It is expected to cause six to twelve inches of rain in the coastal Carolinas and possibly three to eight inches in southeast Virginia. The National Hurricane Center warns that this level of



Family takes shelter in a church to wait out the hurricane. Photo courtesy of Ramon Espinosa.

rainfall "may cause life-threatening flash floods."

According to Jeffrey Beckles, the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce CEO, it appears that areas owned by Disney Cruises have also suffered some losses, which can impact the Bahamas greatly. Fortunately, since Disney is a major economic partner of the Bahamas' economy, it is predicted that Disney will recover quickly. This is helpful and key to a better recovery for the Abaco and Grand Bahamas Island's commerce.

Even though the United States has received more extreme flooding than the Bahamas, the Bahamas experienced much more damage because it vastly lost structures. Large and small businesses were demolished. According to Beckles, all of the businesses on the Abaco Islands are down to zero, stating, "we will have to bulldoze and start from scratch."

Fortunately, several other islands such as Nassau, Andros, Acklin, and Crooked Island are fine and open to the much needed tourism that will help put the Bahamas back on their feet.

All About the China-United States Trade War

BY DESTINY MARTINEZ



Photo courtesy of Mike Mareen

The China-United States trade war is an economic conflict between the two of the largest countries in the world. The conflict was initiated when the United States began to increase tariffs and trade barriers with the goal for China to make changes. In the United States, the trade war has brought many struggles to manufacturers and farmers. This means that consumers would be affected by it, by being charged with higher prices.

Other countries as well have been affected by the economic damage. However, some countries have benefited from it, by increasing manufacturing to fill in the gaps. Governments of several countries have taken steps to address the damage.

Some say the trade war has caused harm to the relations with China and the United States. Both sides have threatened to take action with the new tariffs in the upcoming months. As the two sides prepare to negotiate, no signs show progression towards the ending of the trade war that could threaten global economic growth.

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" Always be Curious, Always be Hungry" Cokie Roberts Passes Away

BY RANEEM IFTEKAR

With an earnest look in her eyes, and a quick wit, journalist Cokie Roberts had been an invaluable voice of truth within the last few decades.



Photo courtesy of Heidi Gutman/ABC

On September 17, 2019, the world lost a remarkable woman who was devoted to the cause and purpose of journalism within this country. A well-known role model for women becoming public figures, Cokie Roberts never stopped supporting and advising the next generation of pioneers, media writers, and journalists. Famous for being highly respected by both sides of the political spectrum, she embodied the meaning of being impartial and always curious in seeking out perspective in a story.

Cokie Roberts came from a family of politicians, yet sought to be the sole one who would not seek office and instead entered into the field of journalism where she believed she could contribute to society best. For the past three decades, she has been a voice for maintaining honesty and no bias in newsrooms, radio recordings, and on talk shows, writing that journalists "belong to no tribe, root for no team."

When she gave her personal, sharply articulated commentary, Cokie Roberts never failed to make the distinction clear between her opinion and fact-telling. She was greatly admired for that, and many praise her as an ideal, especially in current times where the integrity of journalism is under fire by both citizens and political leaders.

The coming generation that will take over radio, media, and print will always look to the example set by Cokie Roberts, even in her passing.

Big Changes for Britain

BY LINDSAY WIPPLER

Brexit was first announced in June 23rd of 2016. The debate over Britain's exit from the European Union (EU) is still continuing. Britain's population voted to leave the EU with a majority of 52%. Brexit was originally scheduled for March, 2019, but has been delayed twice due to shifts in power in Britain's government.



Johnson at Barry Island. Photo courtesy of BBC.



Boris Johnson meeting with the queen after being elected Prime Minister. Photo courtesy of BBC.

A significant one of these shifts was Britain's new prime minister, Boris Johnson, who was elected on July 23rd, 2019. While Johnson is of the same party as the previous Prime Minister, Theresa May, he has differing ideas on how Brexit should be carried out. The exact direction he will take with this massive issue still remains to be seen.

He has, however, promised to see Brexit delivered, and wants to negotiate a deal with the EU in order to minimize the potentially devastating effects it could have on Britain's population.

The New Democratic Candidates

BY DESTINY MARTINEZ



Candidates during the third Democratic primary debate at Texas Southern University in Houston Photo courtesy of the LA Times.

The Democratic Party debates have taken place for the nomination of the president of the United States in the 2020 presidential election. Out of 21 candidates, 10 have qualified for September's third debate. The candidates are: Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Pete Buttigieg, Beto O' Rourke, Kamala Harris, Cory Booker, Amy Klobuchar, Julián Castro, and Andrew Yang. Out of all the debates, this third debate will have all 10 candidates together on a single night, September 12.

Candidates had until August 28 to qualify by reaching a fundraising threshold of 130,000 contributions and 2 percent of support from four or more national polls to qualify. The next goal for the Democratic candidates is to qualify for the October debate.



The 2020 democratic candidates.. Photo courtesy of the LA Times.

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Investigators searching for evidence after a shooting spree in Odessa, Texas. Photo courtesy of the New York Times.

Texas Shootings and the Gun Control Debate

BY RANEEM IFTEKHAR

Amidst recent violence in the Lone Star State, federal and state discussion and legislation regarding the extent of gun control has taken front stage. In the past month, two mass shootings have occurred in Texas leaving 29 people killed and several more injured.

At the beginning of August, in El Paso 22 people were killed in a Walmart by a single gunman. The most recent incident occurred August 31, 2019 in the small town of Odessa, Texas and reignited a long-standing discussion on the situation of gun control within the United States. Texas policy is known to significantly oppose increasing gun control within its state, and has one of the most lenient stances on arms restrictions (Texas Tribune).

A day after the Odessa shootings, ten laws, passed months prior, went into affect protecting the right to keep arms on school grounds, in places hidden from view, and on apartment complex grounds (Washington Post). These policies protect Texans' second amendment rights and largely are approved of by the state's population. In the wake of two brutal mass shootings, several across the nation are calling for such laws, and the

possibility of restricting military style rifles to be reconsidered and discussed.

The governor of Texas, Greg Abbot has passed several executive orders aimed to address implementing quicker responses to active shooter situations, and in a statement said "Texas must achieve several objectives to better protect our communities and our residents from mass shootings" (CBS News). 63 of the state's 66 house Democrats signed a letter advocating the expansion and tightening of background checks and a ban on the sale of high capacity ammunition magazines; the GOP does not support this action

Nationwide, the issue of the recurring shootings and the debate around gun control has come into focus, especially as Congress reconvenes this month.



"Enough is enough," Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement on Saturday night after the Texas shooting. Photo courtesy of the New York Times.

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Well Done World!

BY GRACE EDWARDS

Well Done World is a feature of the Connelly Chronicle that hopes to create awareness that we are a nation of people who care about one another... well done world!

A 38 year old grandson is taking his 89 year old grandmother to all 61 national parks.

- Today Show



Brad Ryan and his 89-year-old grandmother Joy Ryan are visiting the U.S. national parks on a road trip. Photo courtesy of Today.

In Arkansas Lyon College's football team shaves their heads in solidarity with their coach, who is battling cancer.

- Fox News

At Disney World, Snow White comforted a boy who has autism.

- CBS News



Snow White comforts young boy diagnosed with autism. Photo courtesy of CBS.

Students have saved over \$2.5 million since community colleges have started printing their own textbooks.

- Good News Network

In Washington D.C. a furniture shop supplied furniture for a man who was homeless for a decade.

- MSN



Furniture shop provides furniture for homeless man. Photo courtesy of MSN.

Woman to Watch

BY DAISY LIEN

With her compassion and a desire to learn, this Woman to Watch has become a successful CEO of a company. She is Zubaida Bai.

Zubaida Bai was raised in Chennai, India and was the first person in her family to pursue more education after secondary school.

While her friends around her started to get married, Bai decided to go to a college called Dalarna University and graduated with a Master's in Engineering in Product Development and Design. She also received an MBA from Colorado State University.

Bai is the founder and CEO of Ayzh, a social enterprise that brings dignity and simplicity to women's health around the world. She is regarded worldwide as an



Bai at the Ayzh production facility. Photo courtesy of Outlook Business.

expert and a leader in the field of designing low cost health products customized for the developing world, according to WMC Shesource.

To be the same as everyone is easy but to be different among people around you is a more difficult task. But with Zubaida Bai, she has accomplished her success and title by choosing to become a unique and different woman.



Bai with the fruits of her labor. Photo courtesy of LiveMint.



Santa Cruz Boat in flames. Photo courtesy of NBC News.

Dozens Dead in Santa Cruz Boat Fire

BY GIGI GILLIANI

Before disaster struck, the Conception, a 75-foot vessel built in 1981, was on a three-day scuba diving trip and was in compliance with Coast Guard regulations. The company mostly received top-notch reviews on TripAdvisor and Yelp prior to

the accident, with people who identified themselves as experienced divers praising its services and staff. The three-day diving tour boat erupted in flames along the coast of Santa Barbara on Monday, and ultimately sank. Five crew members

escaped and were rescued but 33 out of the 34 passengers aboard the boat died in the fire, along with a member of the crew.

On Friday, it was reported that the victims likely died of smoke inhalation, not burns. The Associated Press also reports that Truth Aquatics Inc., which owned the boat, filed a measure in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles to limit its liability from lawsuits that families of the victims may attempt to bring after the tragedy by leveraging an old, pre-Civil War provision of maritime law. The investigation will continue with a preliminary report scheduled to be released in a week, while the final report is expected to be completed within the next 12 to 18 months.

Investigators did not immediately share information about what might have caused the fire, but they claim that the boat was in compliance with all regulations and had received annual inspections.

Corbett, an experienced diver who was scheduled for another expedition this fall, said she thought of the company as the "pinnacle" of safety in the industry. "This was a catastrophic, extremely rare accident," she said, adding: "Divers have this common love of adventure, knowing it comes with some risk. . . This hits so very close to home for all of us."