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Immaculate Conception Academy Senior Wins Professional BusinessWomen of California Scholarship

Immaculate Conception Academy, San Francisco, CA: Senior Aoife O’Leary is the first person in the history of ICA to win the coveted scholarship from the Professional BusinessWomen of California. The organization, established by Congresswoman Jackie Speier, awards the scholarship to the student who has the best grades and test scores and who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the community.

“Aoife has really worked hard during her four years at ICA,” said Director of Guidance, Anna Maria Vaccaro. “In addition to her college preparatory curriculum, she has taken college courses, worked in the community with autistic kids, been a leader in the campus ministry program and worked on a grant that resulted in a new greenhouse at ICA.”

Aoife will be recognized at the Professional BusinessWomen of California 20th Anniversary Conference in front of 6000 professional businesswomen. Keynote speakers will include Carrie Schwab Pomerantz, President of the Charles Schwab Foundation, Safra Catz, President of Oracle Corporation, Deborah Doyle McWhinney, CEO and President of Debra Doyle McWhinney Foundation, Meg Whitman, Former President and CEO of EBay and many others.

The luncheon will take place on Wednesday, May 6 at the Moscone Center. For more information please call Anne O’Dea.

Immaculate Conception Academy is a Catholic, college-preparatory high school for girls founded by the Dominican Sisters Mission San Jose in 1883. Beginning in the 2009, ICA will become the first Cristo Rey School in San Francisco, and the only all-girls school in the Cristo Rey Network. The Cristo Rey Network, funded by the Cassin Educational Initiative and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundations, is a national association of high schools that provide high-quality, Catholic, college preparatory education to urban youth who live in communities with limited educational options. All Cristo Rey schools incorporate an innovative corporate work study program whereby teams of four students constitute one full-time equivalent entry-level clerical worker. Corporate sponsors include law firms, hospitals, insurance companies, banks, accounting firms, universities and media companies, among others. This program not only allows students to earn a majority of the funds to cover their educational expenses, but also opens the door to possibilities in the corporate world not otherwise readily available to them. For more information please see www.icacademy.org or www.cristoreynetwork.org