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**California Biology Teacher is 2011 Humane Educator of the Year**  
*Animalearn Presents Award at National Biology Teacher's Convention*

Animalearn is pleased to announce the presentation of the 2011 Humane Educator of the Year Award to Ms. Michelle Galaria, a biology teacher at James Logan High School in Union City, California. Ms. Galaria was honored at the National Association of Biology Teachers Professional Development Conference at the Anaheim Marriott in Anaheim.

Animalearn's Humane Educator of the Year honoree was selected for this Award based on the remarkable progress she has made to institute humane teaching methods at her school. By using dissection alternatives in her own classroom, Ms. Galaria demonstrated to fellow teachers, administrators, and students the benefits of alternative methods over the traditional use of animals. In recognition of her leadership and passion as an educator, Ms. Galaria was recently elected co-chair of the Logan High School science department and hopes to one day see a no-dissection policy in her school district.

"When making the decision to select a Humane Educator of the Year, Michelle was the clear choice for us. She has been working tirelessly to make a difference for animals used in education at her school, all the while inspiring her students to also choose a compassionate path in the field of science," said Nicole Green, Associate Director of Animalearn.

"After learning that I was selected as Animalearn's Humane Educator of the Year, I was overwhelmed with excitement, appreciation, and inspiration to accomplish more. The Award is a positive beacon for our school and it reminds me to celebrate the compassion that surrounds me when I am dealing with resistance. The recognition as humane educator is a symbol to my students to work toward a better day and a more humane world," said Ms. Galaria.

As part of the award, Ms. Galaria is entitled to select some high quality alternatives worth approximately \$1,000. Animalearn will donate them to her school, where they will be useful for years to come.

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