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*In an e-mail dated March 25, 2004, Allyson Kirk gave Animalearn and alternatives to dissection a glowing report!*

I just wanted to let you know that I've finished with the BIOLAB pig programs. The programs were very helpful and I would recommend them to anyone looking for humane alternatives to dissection.

After a lot of work and persistence, Northern VA Community College allowed me to use the fetal pig alternative provided to me by Animalearn. I worked from home for three weeks while the rest of the class worked on the dissection. I learned about the digestive, cardiovascular, endocrine, and reproductive systems of the fetal pig. Then I returned to class and took the same test the rest of the students did. Success! I received the highest grade in the class: 100%.

I'm very grateful to everyone who helped me along the way, including Animalearn/AAVS. Thanks to all our hard work I've been able to prove that I could learn more and do better using the non-animal alternative. My professor was very impressed and I hope I've planted a seed for growth and change toward humane education in the school's curriculum.

So again, thank you for all your help and interest in my endeavor. I'll be continuing on my path to a biology degree by taking zoology or ecology next semester, neither of which requires dissection.