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Girl Scout Helps Feral Kittens Through Gold Award Project

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Erin Wurgley Photos provided

The Girl Scouts of Northern California is pleased to have bestowed the highest honor possible for a Girl Scout, the Gold Award, to Acalanes High School graduate and current Diablo Valley College student Erin Wurgley of Lafayette, Troop 31042.

For the prestigious Gold Award, comparable to the Boy Scout Eagle Award, girls spend months or even years completing requirements that develop leadership and culminate in an extensive service project that makes a difference in their community or even across the world. In 2013, Girl Scouts of Northern California proudly conferred this honor to 152 outstanding young women.

To earn her Gold Award, Wurgley completed a project that developed the Lamorinda Feral Kitten Rescue Network. The project, which she began in August 2013, focused on community education, fostering, socializing, adoption, collection and distribution of donations and supplies for 4- to 8-week-old feral kittens. Kittens socialized between the ages of 4-8 weeks old have a high rate of adoptability as normal house cats. Since finishing the project, Wurgley continues to collaborate part-time with the Contra Costa County Feral Cat Foundation and SNIP (Spay Neuter Impact Program) for feral cats.

"It is an honor to bestow the Gold Award to exceptional girls like Erin whose commitment and initiative betters themselves and the world around them," said Marina Park, CEO of Girl Scouts of

Northern California. "The intensive work behind the Gold Award epitomizes how Girl Scouting helps to set a girl on her path, and then she can take it anywhere from there."



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