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**TESOL and National Geographic Learning Announce
2014 TESOL Teacher of the Year**

Alexandria, VA (4 February 2014) – [TESOL International Association](#) and [National Geographic Learning](#) are pleased to announce California teacher, Ann Fontanella, as the 2014 recipient of the [TESOL Teacher of the Year Award](#). The award honors exceptional English language teachers at all levels. Fontanella will be recognized at the opening session of the [2014 TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo](#) in Portland, Oregon, USA.

Fontanella is a tenured EFL instructor at the City College of San Francisco, where she has spent 15 years teaching all components of ESL. When asked about what excellence in teaching means to her, Fontanella said, “The ideal classroom is a community where everyone is recognized and respected. Every class is composed of unique individuals. I stress expression of personal creativity, respect for diversity and inclusion of multiple perspectives. I also incorporate diversity into activities and assignments to foster increased awareness and appreciation.” She also noted the importance of reflection on teaching “to enhance learning.”

The winner of the TESOL Teacher of the Year Award will receive US\$1,000; a free one-year membership in TESOL International Association; TESOL publications (valued at US\$250); and registration, travel and accommodations for the TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo. The award recipient will also deliver a presentation at the TESOL convention.

National Geographic Learning will present the award to Fontanella at the TESOL convention, where she will deliver a presentation titled “Sustaining Excellence in ELT: Adult ESOL Content-Based Instruction for Student Engagement and Community Leadership.”

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