

Dear Students of the great State of
Louisiana:

Hello!

I am so sorry I can't be there in person to thank you for making "Secrets of My Hollywood Life" your Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award winner for grades 6-8. This is my first ever award as an author and I'm so excited and proud that you all have enjoyed Kaitlin's story as much as I have enjoyed creating it. I have always loved to write. I started in the sixth grade and never stopped. But I never imagined being an author. When Kaitlin's story came to me, I was a magazine editor and I was nervous about jumping into a world I didn't know, but sometimes you have to take a leap of faith. I'm so glad I did. I love writing books about Kaitlin and other characters and I'm so happy to see that Kaitlin's story is being enjoyed by all of you. Keep reading (and writing)! Hopefully someday I'll get to visit and thank you all in person. Best,
Jen Calonita