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For Immediate Release:

ZUMWALT RECEIVES GIFFIN AWARD AT EIU

CHARLESTON – Adrienne I. Zumwalt has been awarded the Elsie and Erson Giffin Scholarship through Eastern Illinois University's School of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Dorothy Giffin Dinesen established this scholarship in memory of her parents who were both born in 1884 in rural Coles County. Elsie and Erson Giffin worked hard to establish ownership of their 125-acre farm and provide for their growing family of six. Dinesen graduated from high school, but she was not financially able to go to college.

Dinesen decided that if she ever could afford to help others pursue their desire to obtain a degree, she would do so. Before her death from cancer in 1977, she called her brother Jim, the founding dean of Eastern's School of Business, and told him about her nickel-and-dime savings through the years. She wanted to use this money to assist outstanding students in achieving their goals.

Zumwalt, the daughter of Steve and Mardy Zumwalt of Delavan, is a senior at EIU. She is a 2002 graduate of Delavan High School.