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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LAWRENCE RECEIVES HONORABLE MENTION IN MUSIC COMPETITION

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University music major Sarah Lawrence received honorable mention at the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) District Auditions held recently at the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Lawrence, the daughter of Scott and Nancy Lawrence of Altamont, was among some 260 students from 23 colleges and universities in Illinois and northern Indiana who participated in the auditions which included preliminary, semi-final and final rounds of competition in different divisions. Honorable mention awardees were introduced at an afternoon concert and received certificates and cash awards.

This was the fifth consecutive district competition in which Eastern had multiple winners. Lawrence, a 1991 graduate of Altamont High School, is a sophomore studying under Marilyn Coles, assistant professor of music at Eastern.

Eastern, located in Charleston, places its highest priority on teaching in its classrooms and laboratories, supplemented by strong academic support services.