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For Immediate Release:

SMITH RECEIVES CONNELLY AND SWOPE AWARDS AT EIU

CHARLESTON – Marissa N. Smith has been awarded the Donna Lynn Connelly Memorial Scholarship and the Swope Fund for Excellence Outstanding Senior Award through Eastern Illinois University's School of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Donna Lynn Connelly was a student at Eastern during the 1980s. While at Eastern, she was actively involved in Greek affairs and was a major in family and consumer sciences. She also possessed a keen interest in business. Her family provided this scholarship opportunity for deserving female students.

Mary Ruth Swope was dean of what was once known as the School of Home Economics for many years. Upon her retirement, the Swope Fund for Excellence was established with the contributions of family and friends to honor Swope and bring recognition to the HEC/FCS program at Eastern. Recipients of the award are selected annually based on scholarship and evidence of leadership ability.

Smith, the daughter of Vera L. Smith of Romeoville, is a senior at EIU. She is a 2002 graduate of Downers Grove North High School.