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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

GILBERT AWARDED EIU PRESIDENT'S AWARD

CHARLESTON – Eastern Illinois University sophomore Kathryn Gilbert, daughter of Jack and Cheryl Gilbert of Charleston, is the recipient of Eastern's President's Award.

The award, established in 1973, goes annually to one or more freshman students who rank near the top of their class after one year of college work at Eastern. Recipients are chosen for their initiative, attitude, dependability and leadership qualities.

Gilbert, a 1999 graduate of Charleston High School, is a French major at Eastern. She is a member of the University Honors Program, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, vice-president of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, social chair for Spring 2000 for the Association of Honors Students, and was on the 1999-2000 National Dean's List. In addition, Gilbert is a fund raiser/team leader for the March of Dimes and is involved in the Praise band and children's puppet ministry at her church.