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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ELY RECEIVES FIRST PLACE IN ESSAY CONTEST

CHARLESTON, IL--David Ely, son of Dwight and Joyce Myers of Morton, received first place in Eastern Illinois University's recent cultural diversity essay contest sponsored by the English department.

Ely received a cash award for his essay titled "Racism in America." He and the other award recipients will be recognized at the English department's awards tea in April.

Students enrolled in English courses in the fall semester were eligible to enter the contest and could select several essay topics, including "Cultural Diversity: Challenge and Opportunity," "Living Harmoniously Amidst Cultural Diversity" and "The Painful Consequences of Discrimination."

Ely, a 1992 graduate of Morton High School, was a freshman pre-business major during the fall semester.

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