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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ANSELMANT RECOGNIZED BY USA-TODAY

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University student Jason Anselment of Dahlgren has received honorable mention in USA-Today's All-USA College Academic Team competition.

Anselment was among the best and the brightest college students in the nation mentioned in a two-page spread in the lifestyle section of the Feb. 8 USA-Today. Anselment was the only student from Illinois to earn honorable mention in the competition.

His named appeared with students from 33 other states who also received honorable mention. Also featured were this year's winners named to the All-USA College Academic First Team, representing all outstanding undergraduates, and members of the second and third teams.

Anselment said he owes the honor to his academic experiences at Eastern and McLeansboro High School.

"It has to do a lot with the people you are around," Anselment said. "Overall, I was just in the right place at the right time."

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He said he did not expect to be honored, particularly since there were more than 1,230 applicants. Anselment was nominated by Herbert Lasky, director of Eastern's Honors Programs.

"It's nice to be honored by something like this. It definitely makes a person happy. I was just flattered to be nominated," he said.

Applicants were judged on their grades and academic honors, participation in on- and off-campus activities and leadership abilities.

A panel of nine judges from several national education groups, including the American Council on Education, American Association of State Colleges and Universities and American Association of University Professors, evaluated the candidates.

Despite not receiving an award or certificate, Anselment said he still was happy with the publication of the contest results.

"I was glad to see Eastern's name in the publication," he said. "It's a testimony to the kind of education the university offers here."

Anselment, a junior business management/social sciences major with a 4.0 grade point average, is the student member of Eastern's Board of Trustees and the student body vice president for public affairs. He also is a resident assistant in McKinney Hall on the EIU campus.

Anselment is the son of Edward and Cathy Anselment of Dahlgren.