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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL EIU STUDENT EARNS RESEARCH GRANT

CHARLESTON -- Julia Nefczyk, daughter of Robert and Dona Nefczyk of Mount Prospect, has earned a scientific undergraduate research grant from Eastern Illinois University to be used in determining the distribution and density of zebra mussels in Illinois.

Nefczyk, a senior environmental biology major, is a 1987 graduate of Elk Grove High School.

Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 11,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs.

The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities.

Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.