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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

GIRTEN RECEIVES TALENTED STUDENT AWARD

CHARLESTON -- Melissa Girten, daughter of Barry and Helen Girten of Crossville, is the recipient of the Eastern Illinois University Talented Student Award for Spring 1997.

The award recognizes the student's contributions to the university and future potential as a student leader, and is a tuition waiver for the semester during which it is received.

Girten is a sophomore English major and a 1995 graduate of Carmi-White County High School.

Eastern 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 the 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.

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