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**Attention Editors:** Photos of the top four winning teams from the below-mentioned contest can be found at: <http://www.eiu.edu/~eiuchem/HScontest/results.html>

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For Immediate Release:

## EIU HOSTS ANNUAL MAURICE D. SHEPHERD HIGH SCHOOL CHEMISTRY CONTEST

CHARLESTON – Nearly 100 students from 14 area high schools participated in Eastern Illinois University's 30<sup>th</sup> annual Maurice Shepherd High School Chemistry Contest.

Students participated in a 60-minute written examination (50 questions), followed by a dinner break and talk on "Light, Color Perception and Spectroscopy" by Jon Blitz of Eastern's chemistry department. The top six teams and the top six individuals were then recognized and awards presented. A traveling trophy was presented to the first-place team, and plaques were awarded to the top students.

The six schools having the highest team averages were:

- ★ First Place: **Robinson** – Kelly Mayo, Aaron Medsker, Paul Tamas, Joe Schutte (alternate), Emily Blankenbecker (alternate), Adam Coulter (alternate), Charlie Bedwell (alternate) and Laurie Vaughn (teacher);
- ★ Second Place: **Georgetown-Ridge Farm** – Dylan Asmar, Alex Donaldson, Katie Wright, Caleb Winland (alternate), Daniel Dalenberg (alternate), Drew Devore (alternate) and Sam Corbin (teacher);
- ★ Third Place: **St. Teresa (Decatur)** – Nick Staffor, Julie Jergens, Jon Harter, Casey Robinson, Michael Kehoe, Alexandra Lakshmanan (alternate) and Barbara Gottemoller (teacher);
- ★ Fourth Place: **Neoga** – Lucas Ryder, Kyle Spour, Maria Handfland, Ryan Miah (alternate), Steven Dryden (alternate) Thomas Schumacher (alternate), Kelly Schumacher (alternate), Andrew Stodden (alternate), Karissa Albin (alternate), Sara Whitaker (alternate) and Leanne Evans (teacher);
- ★ Fifth Place: **Salem Community High School** – Kevin Williams, Justin Smith, Ben Hooe, Wes Villalobos, Timothy Chapman, Justin Helpingstine, Shawn Bishop, Audra Maier, Tiffany Gordon (alternate), Kacy Bryant (alternate), Adrienne Bryant (alternate), Mary Barrow (teacher) and Carla Hooe (teacher);

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- ★ Sixth Place: **Palestine** – Justin Rice, Michael Zurn, Jameson Howell, Lindsay McKee and Diane Woolverton (teacher).

The six highest ranking individual students, in order, were: Dylan Asmar (**Georgetown-Ridge Farm**), first; Kelly Mayo (**Robinson**), second; Aaron Medsker (**Robinson**), third; Nick Stafford (**St. Teresa**), fourth; Justin Rice (**Palestine**), fifth; and John McNally (**Charleston**), sixth.