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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AWARDS

CHARLESTON – Eastern Illinois University held its 1999-2000 School of Business Awards ceremony on April 16, 2000.

The recipients and their awards are:

ALBION – Bryan Sherrick, son of Rich and Sue Sherrick of Albion; 1997 graduate of Edwards County High School in Albion; junior accounting major; received the *Theta Omega Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi Outstanding Junior Award*, given to a student who has made significant contributions to the chapter through leadership, demonstration of responsibility and active participation during his or her junior year; also received the *McGladrey & Pullen Accounting Award*, based on academic achievement and campus leadership, given to the outstanding junior accounting major.

ALMA – Marian Johnson of Alma; junior accounting major; received the *Mr. & Mrs. William Craig Simmons Memorial Award*, established in memory of them in 1970 by

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their daughter, Mary Sue LaRue, and given annually to seven junior business majors, one from each major, on the basis of outstanding personal character and scholastic achievement.

ALTAMONT – Gretchen Warner, daughter of Gale and Glenda Warner of Altamont; 1999 graduate of Altamont High School; freshman accounting major; received the *Brankey Scholarship*, awarded for the first time this spring, and named for Edward Brankey, a member of the School of Business faculty. The recipient must be an incoming freshman business major who shows potential for academic success. The scholarship is renewable for four years providing the recipient maintains a 3.00 GPA.

ANTIOCH – Cindy Mott, daughter of Dennis and Donna Mott of Antioch; 1994 graduate of Antioch Community High School; graduate student, Master of Business Administration degree program; received the *Master of Business Administration Association Member Award*, given to a student for his or her outstanding service to the association.

ASHMORE – Alicia Richey, daughter of Rod and Cindy Richey of Ashmore; 1996 graduate of Charleston High School; senior accounting major; received the *Student Accounting Society Outstanding Senior Award*, given by the officers of the Student Accounting Society to one outstanding senior for his or her participation in the organization.

BARTONVILLE – Nikole Pogeman, daughter of Dan Pogeman and Janelle Voss, both of Bartonville; 1996 graduate of Limestone Community High School in Bartonville; senior business education major; received the *Pi Omega Pi Outstanding Member Award*, given by the society to an outstanding member who contributes considerable

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time and service and encourages member participation while maintaining a high grade point average.

BENTON – Kathleen McCollum, daughter of Richard McCollum and Kathy McCollum, both of Benton; 1996 graduate of Benton Consolidated High School; senior finance major; received the *Financial Management Association - Outstanding Senior Award*, given by the association to a senior member who is dedicated and shows leadership in the organization; also received the *Eunice W. Dougherty Award*, established in 1979, given to juniors enrolled as majors in the School of Business or in one of 16 other majors in the College of Arts and Humanities or the College of Sciences. They must rank scholastically in the top 25 percent at the time of nomination.

BLOOMINGTON – Janel Kupferschmid, daughter of Joseph and Nancy Kupferschmid of Bloomington; 1996 graduate of Normal Community West High School; senior business education major; received the *David L. and Audrey Jorns Business Education and Administrative Information Systems Scholarship*, established in 1994, and offered for the first time to a junior or senior business education and administration information systems major with a 3.3 GPA or higher who contributes at least half of the cost of their university education through their own employment.

BREESE – Kevin Hoffman, son of Lonnie and Mary Hoffman of Breese; 1996 graduate of Mater Dei High School in Breese; senior computer management major; received the *Phi Beta Lambda Most Outstanding Member Award*, given to a member of the chapter who actively participates at the state and national levels and attends

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regularly scheduled meetings. He or she is also involved in one or more committees and contributes his or her knowledge to benefit the chapter.

CAMARGO – Stephanie Hillard, daughter of Steve and Marsha Hillard of Camargo; 1995 graduate of Villa Grove High School; senior management major; received the *Management Excellence Award*, given to the student that excels in the classroom as well as in campus and community activities.

CASEY – Gregory J. Sudkamp, son of Arthur and Rose Sudkamp of Casey; 1994 graduate of Casey-Westfield High School; senior finance major; received the *Finance Faculty Award*, given to a full-time finance major who exhibits excellent academic abilities. This person must have a professional interest in finance, be active in extra-curricular activities, and make significant contributions to the finance program.

CHAMPAIGN – John Wierschem of Champaign, husband of Judy (Dahman) Wierschem, formerly of Jacksonville; father of Scott and Jack; son of Ken and Jane Wierschem of Hazelhurst, Wis.; 1986 graduate of Antioch Community High School; graduate student, EIU Master of Business Administration degree program at Parkland College; received the *Master of Business Administration Program Special Achievement Award*, given to MBA students who have demonstrated outstanding academic and leadership ability with potential for contributions to business.

CHARLESTON – Andrey Alexandrov, son of Igor Alexandrov and Larisa Redko of the Ukraine; 1995 graduate of Kiev State High School in Kiev, Ukraine; senior finance major; received the *2000 Beta Gamma Sigma Scholarship*, given to a Beta Gamma Sigma student member who exhibits an enduring commitment to the principles of the

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society – honor and integrity, pursuit of wisdom, and earnestness; also received the *Eunice W. Dougherty Award*, established in 1979, and given to juniors enrolled as majors in the School of Business or in one of 16 other majors in the College of Arts and Humanities or the College of Sciences. They must rank scholastically in the top 25 percent at the time of nomination. Alexandrov's host family is Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hartley of Charleston. **Cathy Quast**, daughter of Gerald and Arlene Quast of Charleston; 1995 graduate of Charleston High School; senior business education major; received the *National Business Education Association Merit Award*, given by a faculty committee to a top senior at each university preparing to teach business at the high school level.

Jamie Smitley, daughter of Farrell and Mary Kay Smitley of Charleston; 1997 graduate of Charleston High School; junior accounting major; received the *Student Accounting Society Outstanding Junior Award*, given by the officers to one outstanding senior for his or her participation in the organization. **Trisha Smitley**, daughter of Farrell and Mary Kay Smitley of Charleston; 1997 graduate of Charleston High School; junior marketing major; received the *John Thompson Moore Scholarship*, established by Mrs. Moore in memory of her husband, who was a member of the EIU marketing faculty from 1969 to 1987; given by the marketing faculty to a junior marketing major with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 who is an active participant in extra-curricular activities.

EFFINGHAM – Sara Eyman of Effingham, wife of Scott Eyman; daughter of Rick Taylor of Greenville and Teri Taylor of Springfield; 1995 graduate of Springfield High School; senior finance major; received the *Finance Excellence Award*, given by a faculty committee to the outstanding senior in the finance major, based on academic

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success, campus involvement, and promise of success in one's chosen career.

Jennifer Rogers, daughter of Les and Mary Rogers of Effingham; 1998 graduate of Effingham High School; sophomore accounting major; received the *Donald and Clara Alice Seaman Shawver Scholarship*, named for Donald L. Shawver, a faculty member in marketing at EIU, a past member of the Business Advisory Board for the School of Business and a past president of Eastern's Foundation Board; given to residents of the central Illinois region who have demonstrated high scholastic ability. The scholarship may be retained up to four years if enrolled in a business major. **Heather Thomas**, daughter of Brad Thomas and Sharon Knaus, both of Effingham; 1996 graduate of Effingham High School; senior accounting major; received the *Eunice W. Dougherty Award*, established in 1979, and given to juniors enrolled as majors in the School of Business or in one of 16 other majors in the College of Arts and Humanities or the College of Sciences. They must rank scholastically in the top 25 percent at the time of nomination.

FREEBURG – Adam Randle, son of Ned and Rita Randle of Freeburg; 1996 graduate of Freeburg Community High School; senior accounting major; received the *Eunice W. Dougherty Award*, established in 1979, and given to juniors enrolled as majors in the School of Business or in one of 16 other majors in the College of Arts and Humanities or the College of Sciences. They must rank scholastically in the top 25 percent at the time of nomination.

HOOPESTON – Kyle Anderson, son of Ron Anderson of Ashkum and Dave and Kathy Knake of Hoopeston; 1997 graduate of Hoopeston Area High School; junior business management major; received the *Management Faculty Excellence Award*, given by the

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management faculty to a student who has excelled in the classroom as well as demonstrated true understanding of management as a discipline through practical application.

IUKA – Jamie Fatheree, daughter of Robert and Paula Fatheree of Iuka; 1997 graduate of Salem Community High School; junior accounting major; received the *Jim and June Giffin Scholarship*, named for James Giffin, the “founding dean” of Eastern’s business program, and June Giffin, a business alumnus; given to a junior enrolled in a business degree program with a minimum grade point average of 3.0. The scholarships are renewable until the undergraduate degree is completed.

JOLIET – Carrie Masek, daughter of Rick and Pat Masek of Joliet; 1997 graduate of Minooka High School; junior marketing major; received the *Mr. & Mrs. William Craig Simmons Memorial Award*, established in memory of them in 1970 by their daughter, Mary Sue LaRue, and given annually to seven junior business majors, one from each major, on the basis of outstanding personal character and scholastic achievement.

LA GRANGE – Kimberly Wiltgen, daughter of Darrell and Lucy Wiltgen of La Grange; 1997 graduate of Nazareth Academy in La Grange Park; junior finance major; received the *Financial Management Association - Outstanding Senior Award*, given to a senior member who is dedicated and shows leadership in the organization; also received the *Phi Gamma Nu Highest Junior Grade Point Average Award*, given each year to the junior Phi Gamma Nu member with the highest grade point average.

LAKE ZURICH – Angelina Reincke, daughter of John Reincke of Lake Zurich and Cindy Childers of Stevenson, Wash.; 1997 graduate of Lake Zurich High School; junior management major; received the *Mr. & Mrs. William Craig Simmons Memorial Award*,

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established in memory of them in 1970 by their daughter, Mary Sue LaRue, and given annually to seven junior business majors, one from each major, on the basis of outstanding personal character and scholastic achievement.

LA SALLE – Jared Mathey, son of Alex Mathey of La Salle and Kay Fisher of Oglesby; 1999 graduate of La Salle-Peru Township High School; freshman computer management major; received the *Ronald and Myra Jeffris Scholarship*, named for Ronald Jeffris, a 1959 graduate of EIU, and given to a pre-business major who is entering the university for the first time; also received the *United Graphics Scholarship*, sponsored by United Graphics in Mattoon, Ill., and given to a freshman or transfer student entering Eastern for the first time and who has declared a business major. Freshmen must be in the top 10 percent of their graduating class, and college transfers must have a 3.5 grade point average.

LEBANON – Stephanie Beckert, daughter of William and Julie Beckert of Lebanon; 1996 graduate of Lebanon High School; senior accounting major; received the *Earl S. Dickerson Award*, established in 1991 by Earl S. Dickerson, the first business professor at EIU who served many years as a professor of accountancy in what is now the School of Business; given to the outstanding senior accounting major, selected on the basis of academic achievement, campus activities, and a demonstration of qualities needed to be a professional accountant.

LERNA – Blake Kearney, son of Jim and Paula Kearney of Lerna; grandson of Marjorie Kearney of Shelbyville; 1996 graduate of Mattoon High School; senior finance major; received the *C. Roger Sorensen Scholarship*, named for C. Roger Sorensen, an alumnus of the School of Business, given by a selection committee to a junior or senior

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business major who is a graduate of Mattoon High School and has been admitted to the School of Business.

LIBERTYVILLE – Karen Gildemeister, daughter of Chuck and Kathy Gildemeister of Libertyville; 1996 graduate of Libertyville High School; senior marketing major; received the *Central Illinois Chapter of the American Marketing Association Outstanding Student Award*, sponsored by the St. Louis Professional Chapter of the AMA for a senior marketing major selected by the marketing faculty.

LINCOLN – Megan Schrader, daughter of Dennis and Marcia Schrader of Lincoln; 1997 graduate of Lincoln Community High School; junior business education major; received the *Mr. & Mrs. William Craig Simmons Memorial Award*, established in memory of them in 1970 by their daughter, Mary Sue LaRue, and given annually to seven junior business majors, one from each major, on the basis of outstanding personal character and scholastic achievement.

LITCHFIELD – Sarah Alwardt, daughter of Steve and Teresa Alwardt of Litchfield; granddaughter of Vivian Kessler of Stewardson and Theodore Alwardt of Mattoon; 1996 graduate of Litchfield High School; senior accounting major; received the *Accountancy Excellence Award*, given by a faculty committee to an individual who is designated as the outstanding senior in the accountancy major, based on academic success, campus involvement, and promise of success in one's chosen career; also received the *Dean's Award*, established by the first dean of the School of Business, James Giffin, and his wife, June; given by a faculty committee and the dean to a senior student based on grade point average, service to the School of Business and university, and potential for distinguished service and leadership by reason of scholarship, occupational experience,

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character, sense of purpose, growth and service to the university; also received the *Eunice W. Dougherty Award*, established in 1979, and given to juniors enrolled as majors in the School of Business or in one of 16 other majors in the College of Arts and Humanities or the College of Sciences. They must rank scholastically in the top 25 percent at the time of nomination.

McHENRY – Tim Hiller, son of Wayne and Patsy Hiller of McHenry; 1995 graduate of Johnsbury High School; senior marketing major; received the *American Marketing Association Achievement Award*, sponsored by Eastern's Collegiate Chapter of the AMA, and given by the marketing faculty to a senior marketing major.

MACOMB – Erin Morrison, daughter of Lester and Marlene Morrison of Macomb; 1997 graduate of Colchester High School; junior administrative information systems major; received the *Mr. & Mrs. William Craig Simmons Memorial Award*, established in memory of them in 1970 by their daughter, Mary Sue LaRue, and given annually to seven junior business majors, one from each major, on the basis of outstanding personal character and scholastic achievement.

MACON – Stacy Stombaugh, daughter of Neal and Irma Stombaugh; 1994 graduate of Macon High School; senior administrative information systems major; received the *Administrative Information Systems Association Excellence Award*, given to the student who made significant contributions to leadership in the chapter.

MECHANICSBURG – Jason Byrd, son of Kaye Byrd of Mechanicsburg and the late Wesley Byrd; 1996 graduate of Tri-City High School in Buffalo; senior accounting major; received the *Jim and June Giffin Scholarship*, named for James Giffin, the "founding dean" of Eastern's business program, and June Giffin, a business alumnus; given to a

junior enrolled in a business degree program with a minimum grade point average of 3.0. The scholarship is renewable until the undergraduate degree is completed; also received the *Theta Omega Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi Outstanding Senior Award*, given to the senior who has made the most significant contribution to the chapter through leadership, dedication, and serving as an inspiration to the other members of the chapter; also received the *Timothy Gover/Clifford Fagan Scholarship*, established by Rudolph Hlavek in 1995 to honor professors Timothy Gover (finance) and Clifford Fagan (marketing); given to pre-business majors who are entering the university for the first time.

MONTICELLO – Christopher Browning, son of Don and Nancy Browning of Monticello; 1996 graduate of Monticello High School; senior finance major; received the *Financial Management Association Wall Street Journal Award*, given to a senior member who shows enthusiasm for the organization.

MOWEAQUA – Sha Lu of Moweaqua; 1997 graduate of Central A & M High School in Moweaqua; senior finance/computer management major; received the *Jim and Bess Townsend Hanks Scholarship*, given to an undergraduate business student majoring in accountancy or finance, with preference given in selecting a recipient who has indicated an interest in a career in insurance; also received two *Mr. & Mrs. William Craig Simmons Memorial Awards* (one for finance and one for computer management), established in memory of them in 1970 by their daughter, Mary Sue LaRue, and given annually to seven junior business majors, one from each major, on the basis of outstanding personal character and scholastic achievement. Ben and Donna Caplinger of Moweaqua are Lu's host family.

NORMAL – Michael Messacar, son of Don and Kathleen Messacar of Normal; 1996 graduate of Normal Community High School; senior administrative information systems major; received the *Administrative Information Systems Excellence Award*, with all seniors in AIS being considered by the faculty for this award; also received the *Phi Gamma Nu Scholarship Certificate*, given each year to the senior Phi Gamma Nu member with the highest grade point average.

OAKWOOD – Sandra Cook, wife of Tom Cook of Oakwood; mother of Ashley; 1980 graduate of Danville High School; senior accounting major; received the *Donald and Clara Alice Seaman Shawver Scholarship*, named for Donald L. Shawver, who was a faculty member in marketing at EIU, a past member of the Business Advisory Board for the School of Business and a past president of Eastern's Foundation Board; given to residents of the central Illinois region who have demonstrated high scholastic ability. The scholarship may be retained up to four years if enrolled in a business major.

OLNEY – Jenny Rigg, daughter of Rick Rigg and John and Vicky Fulk, all of Olney; 1999 graduate of East Richland High School in Olney; sophomore marketing major; received the *Clay/Richland Scholarship*, established in 1989, and given to an undergraduate student from Clay or Richland county who is entering EIU for the first time, and who has been admitted as a pre-business or business major, based upon the student's academic performance in high school; or, in the case of a transfer student, college; also received the *John M. Luther Scholarship*, named for John M. Luther, a 1951 graduate of EIU, and given to a pre-business major who is entering the university for the first time and has demonstrated high achievement in previous educational environments and maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.0. **Teresa A.**

Robinson, wife of Michael Robinson of Olney; mother of Danielle, Joshua, and

Alexander; daughter of Robert Yokel of Albion and the late Mary Yokel; 1978 graduate of Edwards County Senior High School in Albion; senior computer management major; received the *Excellence in Information Systems Award*, sponsored by Archer Daniel Midland; Caterpillar, Inc.; May Department Stores Company; McLeod Communication Systems; Nims Associates, Inc.; Spiegel Management Group, Inc.; State Farm Insurance Company; Union Pacific Technologies, Inc.; and USA Group, and given to seniors in computer management or administrative information systems who show leadership potential and ability to succeed in their professions.

PROSPECT HEIGHTS – Maja Cojbasic, daughter of Milorad Cojbasic of Lincolnwood; 1997 graduate of Gimhazija High School in Cacak, Serbia; senior accounting/finance major; received the *George Preisser Memorial Scholarship*, established in honor of George Preisser in recognition of his valuable contribution to CRST International and to encourage other EIU graduates to strive for excellence as Mr. Preisser did; given to an outstanding accounting student who has completed not less than 60 hours and not more than 100 hours, of which 30 hours have been completed at Eastern Illinois University, with consideration given to a student's academic achievements and campus activities.

ROANOKE – Sean Kurtyak, son of Sigrid and Arnie Aeschleman of Roanoke; 1996 graduate of Roanoke-Benson High School; senior computer management major; received the *Bill Spaniol Memorial Scholarship*, established by Nims Associates, Inc. and the family and friends of Bill Spaniol, a 1978 Eastern graduate with a B.S. in Business degree with a major in computer management; given to a junior or senior computer management major with a GPA of 3.5 or higher; also received *Computer Management Excellence Award*, given to a computer management student with at least a 3.65 grade point average and who is graduating during the spring or summer

semester of the year the award is given. Of the total hours earned, 30 must be earned at EIU. The student must show leadership potential and the ability to succeed in his or her chosen profession; also received the *Eunice W. Dougherty Award*, established in 1979, and given to juniors enrolled as majors in the School of Business or in one of 16 other majors in the College of Arts and Humanities or the College of Sciences. They must rank scholastically in the top 25 percent at the time of nomination.

SAINT CHARLES – Meghan Scholle, daughter of Keith and Debra Scholle of Saint Charles; 1997 graduate of Burlington High School; junior business marketing major; received the *American Marketing Association/World Color Press Award*, given to the outstanding AMA member who is returning for the next academic year.

SPARTA – Kara Kessel, daughter of Vernon Kessel and Melvin and Lou Ann Eggemeyer, all of Sparta; 1996 graduate of Sparta High School; senior marketing major; received the *Cooley-Marathon Scholarship*, established by Rex and Nancy Cooley and the Marathon Oil Foundation in honor of Rex Cooley, a 1959 graduate of EIU, and given to students for the entire four years of their college careers so long as they continue to be enrolled as full-time students making satisfactory progress toward a degree in business at EIU. Selection criteria include the student's academic performance in high school and potential for achievement at the college level.

STEWARDSON – Joe Cooper, husband of Greta J. Cooper of Stewardson; father of Erik and Alyssa; graduate of Marshall High School; senior finance/computer management major; received the *Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key*, given annually to the senior or seniors with the highest overall grade point average; also received the *Excellence in Information Systems Award*, sponsored by Archer Daniel Midland; Caterpillar, Inc.; May Department Stores Company; McLeod Communication Systems;

Nims Associates, Inc.; Spiegel Management Group, Inc.; State Farm Insurance Company; Union Pacific Technologies, Inc.; and USA Group, and given to seniors in computer management or administrative information systems who show leadership potential and ability to succeed in their professions; also received the *Phi Gamma Nu Scholarship Key*, given to the senior student or students enrolled in the School of Business who graduate with the highest scholastic average.

TEUTOPOLIS – Kevin Jansen, son of Pat and Janet Jansen of Teutopolis; 1997 graduate of Newton Community High School; junior finance major; received the *Bert and Janet Holley Scholarship*, established in 1990, and given to a transfer student who has already earned an Associate in Arts or Sciences degree from an Illinois community college and has come to Eastern seeking a business degree. Bert Holley joined the Eastern faculty in 1946 and retired in 1987. The late Janet Holley, an Eastern graduate, began her career at Eastern as an academic advisor in 1968 before becoming director of community college relations in 1987. She retired from that position in 1990.

XENIA – Amanda Payne, daughter of Mitch and Vicki Payne of Xenia; 1997 graduate of Flora High School; junior administrative information systems major; received the *Excellence in Information Systems Award*, sponsored by Archer Daniel Midland; Caterpillar, Inc.; May Department Stores Company; McLeod Communication Systems; Nims Associates, Inc.; Spiegel Management Group, Inc.; State Farm Insurance Company; Union Pacific Technologies, Inc.; and USA Group, and given to seniors in computer management or administrative information systems who show leadership potential and ability to succeed in their professions.