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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

VANA RECIPIENT OF JOURNALISM AWARD

CHARLESTON -- Katie Vana, daughter of Tom and Kathy Vana of Downers Grove, is the recipient of the Copley Sophomore Scholarship Award given by Eastern Illinois University's journalism department.

She was selected for the award by Eastern's journalism faculty based on her dedication and academic performance.

A 1994 graduate of Downers Grove High School, Vanna is a sophomore journalism major at Eastern.

Eastern, located in Charleston, is a public, residential university that places priority on teaching excellence. More than 11,000 students are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs. Non-traditional and part-time students are enrolled in programs at both on- and off-campus sites. University faculty are involved in a wide range of research and public service activities.