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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ALWARDT RECEIVES BUSINESS AWARD

CHARLESTON -- Sarah Alwardt, daughter of Steve and Teresa Alwardt of Litchfield, is the recipient of the John M. Luther Scholarship from Eastern Illinois University's Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences.

The Luther Scholarship is presented to a pre-business major who has demonstrated high achievement in previous educational environments and has maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Luther is a 1951 graduate of Eastern and retired from the Marathon Oil Company. He was named the Lumpkin School of Business and Applied Sciences Distinguished Alumnus in 1972.

A sophomore business management major, Alwardt is a 1996 graduate of Litchfield 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.