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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CHRISTIANS AND SMITH RECEIVE BUSINESS AWARDS

CHARLESTON -- Jamie Christians, daughter of Merle and Sandy Christians of Morton, and Laryl Smith, daughter of Ed and Betty Smith of Morton, are recipients of business awards from Eastern Illinois University's Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences.

Christians, a finance major, received the Boatmen's National Bank Finance Achievement Award which goes to the most promising second-semester, full-time junior finance major. The recipient must have a high grade point average and be active in organizations.

Smith, a Spring 1997 graduate with a major in finance, is the recipient of the Financial Management Association Wall Street Journal Award. This award is presented to a senior association member who shows enthusiasm for the organization.

Christians is a 1994 graduate of Morton High School, and Smith is a 1993 Morton graduate.

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.