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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

VANDERMEER RECEIVES BUSINESS AWARDS

CHARLESTON -- Sharon Vandermeer is the recipient of two business awards from Eastern Illinois University's Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences.

Vandermeer received the Theta Omega Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi Outstanding Contribution to the Chapter Installation Award. The chapter received its national charter on Feb. 22, 1997, when 72 charter members were initiated. This one-time award is given for outstanding service in preparation for the chapter's installation ceremony.

A senior accounting major, Vandermeer also received the George Preisser Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established by CRST International, Inc., in honor of Preisser, an Eastern graduate and an employee of CRST International at the time of his death.

The award is given to an outstanding accounting student who has completed not less than 60 hours and not more than 100 hours, 30 of which must have been completed at Eastern. The recipient's academic achievements, campus activities and financial need are also considered.

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.