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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU HOSTS ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL CHEMISTRY CONTEST

CHARLESTON -- Eighty-three students from fourteen area high schools participated in Eastern Illinois University's 22nd annual High School Chemistry Contest held this spring.

Students participated in a 60-minute written examination (50 questions), followed by a lunch break and talk -- "Radiation and Chemistry" -- by Doug Klarup of Eastern's chemistry department. The top five teams and the top five individuals were then recognized and awards presented.

Participating schools included Bement, Bethany, Charleston, East Richland (Olney), Georgetown-Ridge Farm, Martinsville, Oakwood (Fithian), Oblong, Palestine, Paris, Salem, Shelbyville, Tuscola and Unity (Tolono).

The five schools having the highest team averages were: 1) Unity High School -- Sara Bingaman, Michelle Downen, David McLeary, D.J. Ellars, Diana Herriott (teacher); 2) Palestine High School -- Jennifer Richardville, Sonya Walk, Jody Parish, Jeremy Ellis, Laurie Vaughn (teacher); 3) Tuscola High School -- Trica Benner, Joe Griffith, Bryan Lake, Angela Obrecht, Nick Ochs, Stephanie Reinhart, Beth Chamberlain (teacher); 4) Georgetown-Ridge Farm High School -- Jill Hackler, Nickolette Leka, Jessica Stanis, Jody Yowell, Sam Corbin (teacher); and 5) Oakwood High School -- Curtis Clow, Ryan Katcher, Cory Vandenberg, Debbie Clow (teacher).

The 15 highest ranking individual students, in order, were: Joey Yowell, Georgetown-Ridge Farm;

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Jody Parish, Palestine; Bryan Lake, Tuscola; David McLeary, Unity; Chris Bryant, Salem; Curtis Clow, Oakwood; Michelle Downen, Unity; Jessica Andrews, Charleston; Monica Atkins, East Richland; Eric Spencer, Charleston; Angela Obrecht, Tuscola; Jessica Stanis, Georgetown-Ridge Farm; Casey Newell, Salem; Stephanie Reinhart, Tuscola; and Rochelle Gonzales, East Richland.