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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BIRD RECIPIENT OF E.H. TAYLOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

CHARLESTON -- Shelli Bird of Patoka is the recipient of the Edson H. Taylor Community College Scholarship from Eastern Illinois University.

The scholarship was established in honor of Taylor, professor of mathematics at Eastern from 1899 to 1945. It is awarded annually to students who are majoring in mathematics. Award recipients are chosen by the faculty of the mathematics department for their academic excellence.

Bird attended Patoka High School and Kaskaskia College.

Eastern's mathematics department awarded seven scholarships to freshmen and community college transfer students who applied for departmental scholarships for next fall and expressed an interest in majoring in mathematics. The awards given totaled more than \$16,000.

Eastern, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1994-95, is a comprehensive university with more than 10,500 students and 46 undergraduate and 27 graduate degree programs. It is a teaching institution which prides itself on the quality and affordability of its undergraduate program.