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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOETHEN RECEIVES CHEMISTRY AWARD

CHARLESTON -- Paul Loethen, son of Phil and Claudia Loethen of Troy, is the recipient of the Polymer Chemist Award presented by Eastern Illinois University's Department of Chemistry for outstanding achievement in organic chemistry.

Loethen, a 1995 graduate of Triad High School in St. Jacob, is a junior biochemistry major at Eastern.

He is a letter-winner in cross country and has been on the track team.

Eastern 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.

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