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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

THON RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP FROM EIU

CHARLESTON -- Amy Thon, daughter of Robert and Mary Thon of Lombard, is the recipient of the Eric Schuster Scholarship from Eastern Illinois University.

Established in 1991 by the Champaign-Urbana *News Gazette*, this award goes to an incoming student or transfer student majoring in journalism who intends to pursue a newspaper journalism career.

Thon, a 1997 graduate of Glenbard East High School in Lombard, will be a freshman at Eastern in the fall.

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. 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.