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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BOZARTH RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S AWARD FROM EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

CHARLESTON -- Ciara Bozarth, daughter of Phillip Bozarth and Sharon Bozarth both of Petersburg, is the recipient of the 1997 President's Award from Eastern Illinois University.

The award, established in 1973, is presented annually to one or more freshman students who rank near the top of their class after one year of college work. The recipient must also show qualities of leadership, a desire to serve and a good moral character.

Bozarth was selected from a field of 22 students by a faculty selection committee. A 1996 graduate of PORTA High School. Bozarth is a sophomore majoring in zoology and pre-physical therapy.

During her freshman year, she participated in McKinney Hall Council, Zoology Club, American Chemical Society, Sarah Bush Lincoln Balloon project, Haiti Connection, Expanding Your Horizons in Math and Science Conference and Association of Honors Students. She is vice president of Hall Improvements and Dining Service for 1997-98.