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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

THOLE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

CHARLESTON -- Kristi Thole, daughter of Mary Thole of Breese, is the recipient of the Lottie Leach Leads Scholarship from Eastern Illinois University.

Established in 1987 by respected educator Lottie L. Leads, the award is administered through the Eastern Foundation and presented to a junior with outstanding character and conduct who intends, because of love of teaching, to teach in the primary grades.

Thole is a junior early childhood and elementary education major and a 1995 graduate of Mater Dei High School.

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