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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

DONNA OLSON RECEIVES AIURP FELLOWSHIP

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University chemistry major Donna Olson, daughter of Jean Smith of Minooka and Alan Smith of Channahon, has been awarded an Academic-Industrial Undergraduate Research Partnership (AIURP) Fellowship from the Council on Undergraduate Research.

She is only one of 42 students nationwide to receive this award which is sponsored by Eli Lilly and Company. The stipend will allow her the opportunity to conduct research this summer with EIU chemistry professor Richard Keiter.

AIURP fellowships provide \$2,500 stipends for ten weeks of full-time research and are intended for students with strong academic records who normally have completed their junior years.

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The program, linking students and faculty mentors with fellowship sponsors, enhances research and career opportunities for undergraduates.

Olson is also the recipient of a Harris E. Phipps Chemistry Scholarship from Eastern, established in honor of Mr. Phipps, former professor of chemistry at Eastern. The annual award is administered through Eastern's Department of Chemistry and goes to a student who gives promise of distinguished service in the field of chemistry.

Her future plans are to pursue a doctorate degree at the University of Illinois.

A 1985 graduate from Minooka Community High School, Olson lives in Charleston with her husband, Robert, and their two children, Donnie and Jessica.