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LOCAL FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE INTERN RECEIVES COMPANY AWARD

Financial Security Company Honors Rychtanek

Downers Grove, IL– July 2011– Northwestern Mutual is recognizing Valparaiso sophomore student Amanda Rychtanek with its Focus 30 Award, which recognizes financial representative interns who performed at an elite level while helping clients achieve financial security during the year. Rychtanek, a social work major, is affiliated with The Effner Financial Group in Downers Grove.

“Challenging times call for financial security strategies, and in our Downers Grove office, Amanda has led the way this year, helping families revisit their priorities and protect what matters most,” said Northwestern Mutual Senior Vice President Todd M. Schoon.

Each year, Northwestern Mutual’s internship program, named one of America’s “Top 10 Internships” thirteen consecutive times since 1997 according to the 2009 *Vault Guide to Internships*, provides real-world opportunities for more than 2,000 full-time college and university students throughout the country. Since 1967, more than 25,000 students nationwide have participated in the company’s internship program. To learn more, visit www.nminternship.com.

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