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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BARGER RECEIVES AWARD

CHARLESTON -- Adrienne Barger, daughter of Jim and Ernestine Barger of Allendale, recently received the Special Education Recognition Award from the Department of Special Education at Eastern Illinois University.

The award is granted to a student who demonstrates achievement in the areas of scholarship, leadership and service. Barger was presented the award at a luncheon held by the special education department before Eastern's fall commencement ceremony on Dec. 9.

Barger also was recently initiated into Sigma Rho Epsilon special education honor society at Eastern which recognizes a student's scholarship, leadership and service. The inductees are special education majors who are selected by their peers. Members must maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0 and a 3.25 grade point average in their major for two or more semesters. They must also be committed to enriching the lives of individuals with disabilities through volunteer work and to becoming conscientious, committed special educators.

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A 1991 graduate of Mt. Carmel High School, Barger recently graduated from Eastern with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in special education.

Eastern, located in Charleston, is a public, residential university that places priority on teaching excellence. More than 11,000 students are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs. Non-traditional and part-time students are enrolled in programs at both on- and off-campus sites. University faculty are involved in a wide range of research and public service activities.