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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOGNITION AWARDS RECEIVED

CHARLESTON – Several Eastern Illinois University students are the recipients of Special Education Recognition Awards which recognize scholarship, leadership and service in the area of special education.

[NOTE TO EDITOR: Some award recipients chose not to provide all requested information.]

Recipients are:

AVISTON – Beth A. Richter, daughter of Dale and Mary Joe Richter of Aviston; 1998 graduate of Mater Dei High School in Breese; senior special education major.

BARTLETT – Katie Linder of Bartlett; junior special education major.

BETHANY – Sarah E. Osman, daughter of Jim and Vicki Osman of Bethany; 1998 graduate of Bethany High School; senior special education major.

CENTRALIA – Jill R. Turnage, daughter of Bob Turnage and Bill and Jeanne Anne Sprehe, all of Centralia; 1998 graduate of Centralia High School; senior special education major.

CHAMPAIGN – Sheila M. Sola, wife of Harry Sola and mother of Heidi, Colleen and Nicholas, all of

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Champaign; daughter of Margaret Boma of Piper City and the late Francis Boma; 1980 graduate of Ford Central High School in Piper City; senior special education major. **Sola** also received the Stephen Wayne Kennard Memorial Scholarship, established in 1972 by Marlys K. Fallen. This award is intended for a student teaching in the area of special education. The recipient must demonstrate financial need and must have achieved a B average.

CHARLESTON – Jason E. Richardson, husband of Crystal Richardson and father of Blake and Ethan, all of Charleston; son of Bill and Susie Richardson, also of Charleston; 1992 graduate of Charleston High School; graduate student in the special education program.

CHATHAM – Elizabeth E. Mikus, daughter of Mike and Cindy Mikus of Chatham; 1997 graduate of Glenwood High School in Chatham; senior special education major.

CHICAGO – Jennifer A. Christ, daughter of James and Cheryl Christ of Chicago; 1999 graduate of Mother McAuley High School in Chicago; senior special education/elementary education major.

Margaret M. Danner, daughter of Paul and Patricia Danner of Chicago; 1999 graduate of Mother McAuley High School in Chicago; junior special education major.

CHICAGO HEIGHTS – Jennifer J. Urbanek, daughter of Jim and Elaine Urbanek of Chicago Heights; graduate student in the special education program. **Margaret L. White** of Chicago Heights; sophomore special education major.

COAL CITY – Mary C. Skaggs, daughter of John and Karen Skaggs of Coal City; 1999 graduate of Coal City High School; senior special education major.

DANVILLE – Jennifer L. Gibson, daughter of Wayne and Linda Gibson of Danville; 1999 graduate of Bismarck-Henning High School in Danville; junior special education major.

DELAVAN – Jolene M. Zumwalt, daughter of Steve and Mardella Zumwalt of Delavan; 1996 graduate of Delavan High School; graduate student in the special education program.

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DIETERICH – Erin M. Bohnhoff, daughter of Cindy Bohnhoff of Dieterich; 1998 graduate of Dieterich High School; senior special education/elementary education major.

EFFINGHAM – Teresa Schumacher, daughter of Patrick and Amy Schumacher of Effingham; senior special education major.

EVERGREEN PARK – Kelly M. Eckroth, daughter of Peter and Lori Eckroth of Evergreen Park; graduate of Mother McAuley High School in Chicago; senior special education major.

FRANKLIN PARK – Geralyn J. Mikrut, daughter of Mike and Sue Mikrut of Franklin Park; senior special education major.

GENESEO – Amy N. Martins, daughter of Dan and Kathi Martins of Geneseo; 1998 graduate of J. D. Darnall High School in Geneseo; junior special education major.

GLEN ELLYN – Tom Sabey of Glen Ellyn; senior special education major.

HOMEWOOD – Erin R. Blakesley, daughter of Byron and Linda Blakesley of Homewood; 1999 graduate of Homewood-Flossmoor High School; junior special education major.

JOLIET – Kristin L. Maher, daughter of James and Sharon Maher of Joliet; senior special education major.

KEENES – Kelli L. Rutger, daughter of Jerry and Rhonda Peeples of Keenes and the late Dale Rutger; 1999 graduate of Wayne City High School; junior special education major.

LAKE FOREST – Michelle A. Luetje, daughter of Brad and Cindy Luetje of Lake Forest; 1998 graduate of Lake Forest High School; senior special education major.

LEXINGTON – Emily J. Coffey, daughter of John and Barb Coffey of Lexington; 1997 graduate of Lexington High School; senior special education/elementary education major.

LOAMI – Jennifer M. Nation, daughter of Herb and Roxann Nation of Loami; 2000 graduate of New Berlin High School; sophomore special education major.

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LOMBARD – Bridget M. Flood, daughter of Len and Janet Flood of Lombard; 1997 graduate of Martini Catholic High School in Lombard; senior special education major. **Jennifer D. Walker** of Lombard; 1997 graduate of Willowbrook High School in Villa Park; senior special education major.

MATTOON – Amber N. Johns, daughter of Jim and Cheryl Johns of Mattoon; 1999 graduate of Mattoon High School; junior special education major.

MORRIS – Amy Ruettiger, daughter of Jay and Deanna Ruettiger of Morris; 1996 graduate of Coal City High School; senior special education major.

NEOGA – Beth M. Gibson, wife of Martin Gibson of Neoga; mother of Maddie Gibson of Neoga; 1993 graduate of Newton High School; senior special education major.

NOKOMIS – Marcie L. Beeler of Nokomis; 1997 graduate of Nokomis High School; senior special education major.

NORTHBROOK – Zuica Donev of Northbrook; 1998 graduate of Glenbrook South High School in Glenview; senior special education/elementary education major.

OAK FOREST – Jennifer M. Bosvay, daughter of James and Peggy Bosvay of Oak Forest; 1997 graduate of Oak Forest High School; senior special education major.

O'FALLON – Kristin B. Ross, daughter of Robert and Laura Ross of O'Fallon; 1998 graduate of O'Fallon Township High School; senior special education major.

ROBINSON – Kendra L. Harris, daughter of Kevin F. and Linda Harris of Robinson; 1997 graduate of Oblong High School; senior special education major.

SHOREWOOD – Laurie J. Pellegrini, daughter of Mark and Barb Pellegrini of Shorewood; 1997 graduate of Joliet Catholic Academy; senior special education major.

SPRINGFIELD – Karen L. Hilofsky, daughter of Ray and Annie Hilofsky of Springfield; 1998 graduate of Lamphier High School in Springfield; senior special education major.

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TEUTOPOLIS – Jill T. Drees, daughter of Harold and Lenora Drees of Teutopolis; senior special education major.

TINLEY PARK – Melissa M. Studzinski of Tinley Park; 1999 graduate of Victor J.

Andrew High School in Tinley Park; junior special education/elementary education major.

URBANA – Sarah (Sadie) M. Riffle, daughter of Richard and Debra Riffle of Urbana; 1997 graduate of Urbana High School; senior special education/elementary education major.

VILLA GROVE – Paul P. Graham, son of Henry Graham of Villa Grove; 1992 graduate of Villa Grove High School; graduate student in the special education program. **Candice M. Winslow**, wife of Kevin R. Winslow of Villa Grove; daughter of Howard and Letha Snow of Mattoon; 1973 graduate of Mattoon High School; graduate student in the special education program.

WAUKEGAN – Dana L. Pekkarinen, daughter of Peter and Linda Pekkarinen of Waukegan; 1999 graduate of Warren Township High School in Gurnee; junior special education/elementary education major.

WESTMONT – Jenna Hanfland (Frederickson), daughter of Steve and Kathleen Frederickson of O'Fallon; 1996 graduate of O'Fallon Township High School; senior special education/elementary education major.

WHEATON – Melissa Ann Sender, daughter of Bob and Mary Lou Sender of Wheaton; 2000 graduate of Wheaton North High School; sophomore special education major.

WOODSTOCK – Jennifer Johnson, daughter of Kurt and Marilyn Johnson of Woodstock; 1998 graduate of Woodstock High School; senior special education major.