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LOCAL EIU STUDENT AWARDED SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOGNITION

CHARLESTON -- Rachel Schwartzkopf, daughter of Jim and Rosie Schwartzkopf of Sesser, has been awarded the Eastern Illinois University Special Education Recognition Award.

Schwartzkopf, a sophomore special education major, is a 1995 graduate of Sesser-Valier High School.

The award is presented on behalf of the Department of Special Education in recognition for scholarship, leadership and service in the education of individuals with exceptionalities.

Eastern emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 11,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs.

The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities.

Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.