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HUGHES TROPHY AWARD CEREMONY SET AT EASTERN

CHARLESTON, IL.--The Hughes Trophy, the U.S. Army's most prestigious award for ROTC, will be presented to Eastern President Stan Rives during a ceremony at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, in the Ballroom of Eastern's Student Union.

Second Lt. Robert Haycock, a 1987 Eastern graduate, earned the award by being selected the top cadet of 8,000 ROTC cadets nationwide who were commissioned that year.

He was presented a miniature replica of the Hughes Trophy from Under Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Michael P.W. Stone, during a ceremony at the Pentagon in June.

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"By bestowing this award upon 2nd Lt. Haycock, the Department of the Army not only acknowledges his personal accomplishments, but also acknowledges the quality of our local ROTC graduates," said Lt. Col. Lloyd McCammon, Chairman of the Military Science Department at Eastern.

The trophy is presented annually by the Hughes Aircraft Company to the outstanding Army ROTC graduate from the previous year.

Haycock was nominated for the award by Eastern President Stan Rives, Lt. Col. Wayne Duke, then Professor of Military Science at Eastern, and Dean of Eastern's College of Applied Sciences, Dr. Barbara Richter.

He is the 24th recipient of the award and the first from Eastern. Selection is based on military grades (ROTC courses), academic grades, officer potential and academic leadership.

Haycock is now an Infantry Airborne Platoon leader with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Eastern will display the trophy in the University Union for one year.