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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOGNITION AWARDS RECEIVED

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

Recipients of Special Education Recognition Awards are:

AURORA – *Jennifer Folden*, daughter of Judy Folden of Aurora; 1994 graduate of Waubonsie Valley High School in Aurora; received bachelor of science in education degree with a major in special education in December. *Abbie Frantzen*, daughter of Terry and Mary Ann Frantzen of Aurora; 1998 graduate of Rosary High School in Aurora; sophomore special education major. *Megan Parr*, daughter of Barry and Linda Parr of Aurora; 1997 graduate of West Aurora High School; junior special education major.

BELLEVILLE – *Nicole Lehman*, daughter of Dennis and Nancy Brown of Belleville; 1996 graduate of Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville; senior early childhood/

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special education major.

BETHANY - Sarah Osman, daughter of Jim and Vicki Osman of Bethany; 1998 graduate of Bethany High School; sophomore special education major. *Haley Rowe*, daughter of William and Cheryl Rowe of Bethany; 1996 graduate of Bethany High School; senior early childhood/special education major.

BUFFALO - *Melinda Heck*, daughter of Dennis and Jan Heck of Buffalo; 1994 graduate of Tri-City High School in Buffalo; senior special education major.

BURNT PRAIRIE - *Amy Duckworth*, wife of Ryan Duckworth of Burnt Prairie; daughter of Gary and Rita Harness of Mt. Carmel; 1995 graduate of Mt. Carmel High School; recieved bachelor of science in education degree with a major in special education in December.

CARLINVILLE - *Amy Huyear*, daughter of Mike and Janet Huyear of Carlinville; 1995 graduate of Carlinville High School; received bachelor of science in education degree with a major in elementary education/special education in December.

CENTRALIA - *Jennifer Wrone*, daughter of Rod Wrone of Champaign and Mariann Wrone of Centralia; 1994 graduate of Salem Community High School; senior special education major.

CHAMPAIGN - Anne Carbonneau, daughter of Marvin and Beth Carbonneau of Champaign; 1990 graduate of Centennial High School in Champaign; received bachelor of science in education degree with a major in special education in December.

CHARLESTON - Jason Richardson, husband of Crystal Richardson of Charleston;

father of Blake and Ethan; son of Bill and Susie Richardson of Charleston; 1992 graduate of Charleston High School; graduate student with special education major. **CLAY CITY - Abigail Hower**, daughter of Barbara Hower and the late Bill Hower of Clay City; 1996 graduate of Clay City High School; senior early childhood/ standard special education major.

CLINTON - *Andrea Herzog*, daughter of Dave and Jan Herzog of Clinton; 1996 graduate of Clinton Community High School; senior early childhood/special education major.

DECATUR - *Tatum Landreth*, daughter of Forrest and Cathy Landreth of Decatur; 1996 graduate of Mt. Zion High School; senior special education major with elementary education certification.

FINDLAY - Elaine S. Smith, wife of Robert H. Smith of Findlay; mother of Kelly,

Jessica and Leah; 1965 graduate of Carthage High School; 1969 graduate of University

of Illinois; graduate student with special education major.

GRIDLEY - Amanda Maurer, daughter of Greg and Gilda Maurer of Gridley; 1996 graduate of Gridley High School; senior special education major.

HANNA CITY - Meri Boyer, daughter of Gary and Pat Boyer of Hanna City; 1991 graduate of Farmington High School; graduate student with special education major.

HIDALGO - Keri Sowers, wife of Joseph Sowers of Hidalgo; mother of Drew; daughter of Dan and Cheryl Jackson of Toledo; 1991 graduate of Cumberland High School in Greenup; received bachelor of science in education degreewith a major in special

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education in December.

HUMBOLDT - Stephanie Warren, daughter of Leland and Kathy Warren of Humboldt; 1996 graduate of Mattoon High School; junior special education major.

JOLIET - Christine Bartz, daughter of James and Gail Bartz of Joliet; 1997 graduate of Joliet Central High School; junior special education/mathematics major. Aimee Persha, daughter of John and Linda Persha of Joliet; 1995 graduate of Joliet West High School; senior special education major.

LEMONT - Nicole Neybert, daughter of Dave and Callie Neybert of Lemont; 1996 graduate of Lemont Township High School; senior special education major.

LEXINGTON - *Emily Coffey*, daughter of John and Barb Coffey of Lexington; 1997 graduate of Lexington High School; junior elementary education/special education major.

LOMBARD - *Bridget Flood*, daughter of Len and Jan Flood of Lombard; 1997 graduate of Montini Catholic High School in Lombard; junior special education major.

LOUISVILLE - Stephanie McCollum, daughter of SteveMcCollum and Lori McCollum, both of Louisville; 1996 graduate of North Clay High School in Louisville; senior special education major.

McHENRY - *Kristine Miller*, daughter of Paul and Nancy Miller of McHenry; 1997 graduate of Marian Central Catholic High School in Woodstock; junior elementary education/special education major.

MORRIS - *Cindy Ann Marie Dent*, daughter of Bill and Bernice Dent of Morris; 1997 graduate of Morris Community High School; junior special education major with early childhood option.

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MOWEAQUA - *Kari Thompson*, daughter of David and Anita Thompson of Moweaqua; 1996 graduate of Central A & M High School in Moweaqua; senior early childhood/special education major.

NEOGA - Martha Peters, wife of Matthew Peters of Neoga; daughter of Dennis and Jolene Fetters of Toledo; 1990 graduate of Neoga Jr.-Sr. High School; received bachelor of science in education degree with a major in early childhood/special education in December.

NEW ATHENS - Naomi Lukomski, daughter of Rev. John and Janet Lukomski of New Athens; 1996 graduate of New Athens Community High School; senior special education major.

NEWTON - *Virginia* (*Ginger*) *Robins*, wife of James Robins of Newton; mother of Jason and Heather; daughter of Eugene and Eufala Bigard of Newton; 1970 graduate of Newton High School; graduate student with special education major.

OAKLAND - *Jennifer A. Pisani*, daughter of Hollis and Shirley Pisani of Oakland; 1998 graduate of Oakland High School; sophomore special education major.

OAK LAWN - Siobhan O'Flaherty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter O'Flaherty of Oak Lawn; 1996 graduate of Mother McAuley High School in Chicago; senior special education major.

O'FALLON - Kristin Ross, daughter of Bob and Laura Ross of O'Fallon; 1998 graduate of O'Fallon Township High School; sophomore special education major.

OLNEY - Jennifer Dickerson, daughter of Rod and Linda Dickerson of Olney; 1995

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graduate of East Richland High School in Olney; senior special education major with early childhood option. *Tasha Thuftedal*, daughter of Ralph and Beverly Cast of Olney; mother of Ryan and Kirstin Thuftedal; 1983 graduate of Homewood-Flossmoor High School in Floosmoor; senior special education major.

OREANA - Krista Kolesar, daughter of Chuck and Rosemary Kolesar of Oreana; 1996 graduate of Argenta-Oreana High School in Argenta; senior special education major.

Jennifer Young, daughter of Steve and Julie Ritchie of Oreana; 1996 graduate of Argenta-Oreana High School in Argenta; received bachelor of science in education degree with a major in special education in December.

ORLAND PARK - *Theresa Karwoski*, daughter of Raymond and Victoria Karwoski of Orland Park; 1995 graduate of Stagg High School in Palos Hills; senior special education major. *Jennifer Kowalewski*, daughter of Gerald and Kathleen Kowalewski of Orland Park; 1995 graduate of Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights; received bachelor of science in education degree with a major in special education in December. *Alison Poczik*, daughter of Alex and Marilyn Poczik of Orland Park; 1995 graduate of Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park; senior special education major. *PARIS - Kaatje Camp*, wife of Mitch Camp of Paris; mother of Russ and Lauren; daughter of Dean and Iva Speece of Kansas; 1979 graduate of Kansas High School; junior special education major. *Janah Sudduth*, daughter of Terry Sudduth and Sandra Ochs, both of Paris; 1995 graduate of Paris High School; senior elementary education/special education major.

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PLAINFIELD - *Kim Korst*, daughter of Bob and Janet Korst of Plainfield; 1995 graduate of Joliet Catholic Academy; senior special education major.

ROBINSON - *Kendra L. Harris*, daughter of Kevin F. and Linda Harris of Robinson; 1997 graduate of Oblong High School; junior special education/secondary education major. *Kelly (Meinhart) Irvin*, daughter of Greg and Sheila Petty of Robinson; 1995 graduate of Robinson High School; received bachelor of science in education degree with major in special education in December.

SHELBYVILLE - *Beverly Diane Williams*, wife of Charles Williams, Jr. of Shelbyville; mother of Stephanie, Sara, Cassy, Trey, Eddie, Justin, Shelby and Michael; 1974 graduate of Broadview Academy in LaFox; senior special education/early childhood major.

SHERMAN - Sarah E. Franklin, daughter of John and Karen Franklin of Sherman;

1998 graduate of Williamsville High School; sophomore special education major.

SPRINGFIELD - Carrie Fields, daughter of David and Carla Fields of Springfield; 1997 graduate of Glenwood High School in Chatham; junior special education major. Jack

C. Ross, husband of Valerie Ross of Springfield; son of Patricia Ross of Rochester;

1978 graduate of Rochester High School; graduate student with special education major.

Karen Wojcicki, wife of Ronald Wojcicki of Springfield; mother of Brian and Lauren; 1976 graduate of Glenbard North High School in Carol Stream; graduate student with special education major.

TEUTOPOLIS - *Jill Drees*, daughter of Harold and Lenora Drees of Teutopolis; graduate of Teutopolis High School; junior special education/elementary education major. **Debi Wente**, daughter of Gary and Mary Ellen Wente of Teutopolis; 1995 graduate of Teutopolis High School; received bachelor of science in education degree with a major in special education in December.

TILTON - Kristie Chrostowski, daughter of William and Jacqueline Chrostowski of Tilton; 1996 graduate of Jacobs High School in Algonquin; junior special education major.

TINLEY PARK - *Grant Ferkaluk*, son of Robert and Allyson Ferkaluk of Tinley Park; 1995 graduate of Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park; senior special education major. *Katie Vlaming*, daughter of Roger and Mary Pat Vlaming of Tinley Park; graduate of Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park; senior special education major.

TOLONO - *Erin Maloy*, daughter of Michael and Pamela Maloy of Tolono; 1996 graduate of Unity High School in Tolono; senior special education major.

WESTCHESTER - *Kimberly Bogda*, daughter of Dale and Janis Bogda of Westchester; 1995 graduate of Immaculate Heart of Mary High School in Westchester; senior special education/elementary education major.

WHEELER - *Kathy Thomas*, daughter of Buck and Dixie Petticrew of Wheeler; 1980 graduate of Newton High School; senior special education major.

WOODRIDGE - Erin M. Fasbender, daughter of Charles and Peggy Fasbender of

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Woodridge; 1996 graduate of Downers Grove South High School; senior special education major.

WOODSTOCK - *Jennifer Johnson*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Johnson of Woodstock; 1998 graduate of Woodstock High School; sophomore special education/elementary education major.