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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (MAY 12)

CHARLESTON, IL.--Mrs. Evelyn Kaufman of LaSalle, a member of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, along with six students from LaSalle and Peru participated in Eastern Illinois University commencement ceremonies Saturday (May 10).

The six students surrounding Mrs. Kaufman are (from the left) John Falleti of St. Bede HS, Julie Bickl of St. Bede, Herb Klein of LaSalle-Peru, Pam Getty of LaSalle-Peru, James Peterlin of LaSalle-Peru, and Brenda DeAngelo of LaSalle-Peru.

Other LaSalle-Peru graduates who were scheduled to graduate Saturday were Jeffrey Turchi, Lisa Capponi and Robert Bolen along with Kevin Hextell of St. Bede.

Mrs. Kaufman, who was one of the platform speakers, told approximately 1200 graduates that "one of the Board of Governor's chief responsibilities is to provide sufficient funding to your university to safeguard the quality of learning from which you have benefitted.

"Your trustees, the Board's Chancellor and his staff and (EIU) President Rives are deeply involved in persuading the Illinois General Assembly of the need for needed dollars for adequate support for all of public education, including elementary and secondary schools as well as our state universities.

"As you know the Governor has proposed significant new revenues this Spring. Although the form in which these revenues are raised is debatable, the need for them is not.

"I would ask all of you to join with us in writing your state senators and state representatives, share with them the story of your education at Eastern, and ask that they continue to make the opportunities you have received available to others by ensuring the adequacy of increased state revenues for education."