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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

INITIATED INTO SIGMA RHO EPSILON

CHARLESTON -- Nineteen students have recently been inducted into Sigma Rho Epsilon at Eastern Illinois University.

The society recognizes a student's scholarship, leadership and service. The inductees are special education majors who are selected by their peers. Members must maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0 and a 3.25 grade point average in their major for two or more semesters. They must also be committed to enriching the lives of individuals with disabilities through volunteer work and to becoming conscientious, committed special educators.

Eastern, located in Charleston, is a public, residential university that places priority on teaching excellence. More than 11,000 students are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs. Non-traditional and part-time students are enrolled in programs at both on- and off-campus sites. University faculty are involved in a wide range of research and public service activities.

Listed below are those students inducted into Sigma Rho Epsilon:

ANNAPOLIS--Beverly Antzberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Artman of Annapolis;

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senior special education major; 1965 graduate of Hutsonville High School; resides in Annapolis with her husband, Thomas. They have two children: Renee and Jason Rosenthal.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS--Melissa Levy, daughter of Edward and Maxine Levy of Arlington Heights; junior special education major with an option in early childhood education; 1993 graduate of Prospect High School in Mt. Prospect.

AURORA--Krysten Pennington, daughter of Norma Pennington of Aurora and Mark Pennington; junior special education major; 1993 graduate of West Aurora High School.

CARLYLE--Nicole Evans, daughter of Darrell and Paulette Evans of Carlyle; sophomore special education major; 1994 graduate of Carlyle High School.

COAL CITY--Joy Presley, daughter of Ken and Becky Presley of Coal City; junior special education major; 1994 graduate of Coal City High School.

DALE--Christy Mayberry, daughter of David and Terry Mayberry of Dale; junior special education major with an option in early childhood education; 1993 graduate of McLeansboro High School.

DECATUR--Julie Johnson, daughter of David and Carol Johnson of Decatur; sophomore special education/elementary education major; 1994 graduate of St. Teresa High School in Decatur. Janet Walker, daughter of Jim and Nancy Walker of Decatur; sophomore special education major; 1994 graduate of Maroa-Forsyth High School.

FLANAGAN--Mary Alice Hosier, daughter of Paul Hosier and Mary Hosier-Miles of

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Flanagan; senior special and elementary education major.

HOMEWOOD--Kristin Elashik, daughter of John and Lynn Elashik of Homewood; senior special education major; 1992 graduate of Homewood-Flossmoor High School.

LAGRANGE--Jennifer Berry, daughter of Brendan and Kathy Berry of LaGrange; junior special education major; 1992 graduate of Lyons Township High School in LaGrange.

LAPLACE--Kelly Stringer, daughter of Mark and Linda Randles of LaPlace; junior special education major; 1993 graduate of Cerro Gordo High School.

LITCHFIELD--Shari Monke, daughter of Terry and Carolyn Monke of Litchfield; junior special education major; 1993 graduate of Mt. Olive High School.

MATTOON--Nancy Smith of Mattoon, daughter of Art and Elaine Welnicke of St. Charles; graduate student in special education; 1985 graduate of Glenbard South High School in Glen Ellyn.

MINOOKA--Anne Giarrante, daughter of Bob and Fran Giarrante of Minooka; junior special education major; 1993 graduate of Minooka High School.

O'FALLON--Laura McGreevy, daughter of Mike and Pat Godt of O'Fallon; senior special education major; 1992 graduate of O'Fallon Township High School.

ORLAND PARK--Karen Kilpatrick, daughter of Richard and Grace Kilpatrick of Orland Park; junior special education major; 1993 graduate of Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park. Gretchen Seemann, daughter of Louise Seemann of Orland Park; junior special and elementary education major; 1993 graduate of Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park.

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ST. CHARLES--Nancy Smith of Mattoon, daughter of Art and Elaine Welnicke of St. Charles; graduate student in special education; 1985 graduate of Glenbard South High School in Glen Ellyn.

VIRGINIA--Suzanne Ring, daughter of Charlie and Barbara Ring of Virginia; junior special education major; 1994 graduate of Virginia High School.