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## SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOGNITION AWARDS

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Department of Special Education recently awarded Special Education Recognition Awards to more than 35 students.

The award is given for excellence in leadership, scholarship, and service. Students receiving this award typically have a grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale and demonstrate a genuine interest in special education.

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NOTE TO THE EDITOR (Effingham Daily News): Two area students have been recognized as the recipients of a Special Education Recognition Award. Linda Westendorf, daughter of Eugene and Lucille Westendorf of Effingham, is a 1986 graduate of St. Anthony High School. Presently, Westendorf is a senior majoring in special education and elementary education. Nikki (Reisner) Gibson, daughter of Bob and Vada Reisner of Effingham, is a 1989 graduate of Effingham High School. Gibson is a junior majoring in special education with an early childhood option.