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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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<u>NOTE TO THE EDITOR</u> (Peoria Journal Star): Michelle Stoppenhagen, daughter of Ken and Barb Stoppenhagen of Peoria, has been selected as a recipient of a Special Education Recognition Award. A 1987 graduate of Richwoods High School, Stoppenhagen is currently majoring in special education-early childhood at Eastern.