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MATTSON RECEIVES THREE ROTC AWARDS

CHARLESTON -- Matthew Mattson, son of Marilyn and John Hrusik of Clarendon Hills, received three awards at Eastern Illinois University's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corp (ROTC) Commissioning and Awards Ceremony April 27.

Mattson received a Proficiency Award for outstanding physical conditioning, a Military Order of the World Wars Award for overall improvement in military and scholarship studies during the school year and a Color Guard Award for participation in ROTC Color Guard events.

Established in 1980, EIU's ROTC program offers students, majoring in any field of study that EIU offers, the opportunity to participate in a leadership development program which culminates in a commission (if offered) as an officer in the United States Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard.

EIU's ROTC program is under the direction of Lt. Col. David Sims, Jr., chair of the department of military science.

A sophomore, Mattson is a 1987 graduate of Downers Grove South High School.

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Eastern, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1994-95, is a comprehensive university with more than 10,500 students and 46 undergraduate and 27 graduate degree programs. It is a teaching institution which prides itself on the quality and affordability of its undergraduate program.