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MCMANUS RECEIVES ROTC CADET AWARD

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CHARLESTON -- Megan McManus, daughter of John T. and Mary Jean McManus of Chicago, received a Department of Army Superior Cadet Award during Eastern Illinois University's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corp (ROTC) Commissioning and Awards Ceremony April 27.

The award is given to the outstanding cadet in each year of military service. McManus was honored as a second year cadet.

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 junior journalism and speech communication major, McManus also was named to the Dean's List, received the Knights of Columbus Leadership Award and is a member of the Association of Honors Students, Association of Speech Honors Students, Illinois News Broadcasting Association and Society of Professional Journalists.

McManus is a 1993 graduate of Mother McAuley High School in

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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.