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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SELECTED STUDENT MARSHAL AT COMMENCEMENT

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University student William Blackford, son of Larry and Judy Blackford of Fairfield, represented the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation as a student marshal at Eastern's recent spring commencement ceremony.

Marshals are chosen by the deans of the respective colleges and the director of the Honors Programs. They serve as the official ushers for the various college occasions, particularly for the commencement exercises. They wear white academic costumes and carry batons decorated in the university's colors, blue and gray.

A 1988 graduate of Fairfield Community High School, Blackford was a senior health studies major at Eastern during the spring semester.

Eastern, located in Charleston, places its highest priority on teaching in its classrooms and laboratories, supplemented by strong academic support services.