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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SELECTED STUDENT MARSHAL AT COMMENCEMENT

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University student Rebekah Hopper, daughter of Jim Hopper of Farina, represented the College of Education 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 1991 graduate of St. Elmo High School, Hopper was a sophomore special education major 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.