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CHARLESTON, IL--Lisa Dempsey, a senior journalism major at Eastern Illinois University, is one of 25 students chosen to participate in the Sears Congressional Internship Program in Washington D.C.

Her internship, which will begin in February, will be a three-month appointment to the staff of a member of the U.S. Congress and will include participation in an academic enrichment program.

Dempsey is the third journalism student from Eastern to be chosen from the national competition and the second in a row. She will receive a \$2,365 stipend and travel allowance. Students are judged on academic performance, writing ability and interest in legislative affairs reporting.

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Dempsey said she felt disbelief when she found out she won the internship. She said she thought they were looking for students with more experience in print journalism.

While in Washington D.C., Dempsey plans to also work part-time at CBS in either television or radio news reporting.

Dempsey is currently a co-anchorperson for WEIU-TV's NewsCan 51 nightly news at Eastern. She also works with three other journalism students on an investigation reporting team and spends at least 20 hours a week in the news room.

After being of member of Eastern's speech team for two years, she started as a co-anchor for WEIU radio station and then was promoted to head anchor. Since then, she has worked as Associate News Director and Assignment Editor.

"I had to be a good leader. Being a boss for one's peers is never an easy job," she said.

Last summer, she worked at KMOX radio station in St. Louis as a reporter. "I learned a lot about the profession itself rather than just the trade."

"I learned that news isn't in the news room. I had to go and find it," said Dempsey.

A 1985 graduate from O'Fallon High School, Dempsey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derrel Dempsey of O'Fallon.