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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--(Feb. 18, 1985)--Germantown, Ill. native Melisa Beckmann has signed a national letter of intent to play volleyball at Eastern Illinois University next season.

The Breese (Ill.) Central High School senior was named to the Illinois Coaches Association for Girl's and Women's Sports (ICAGWS) prestigious all-state squad after a banner senior campaign. Her list of accolades includes: a three-time all-Cahokia Conference selection, an all-area pick by the Belleville News Democrat as a senior and team most valuable player.

"I'm extremely pleased that Melisa selected Eastern," lauds Lady Panther head mentor Betty Ralston. "She was our top middle blocker prospect and I think she will shore up some needs we have on the front line.

"Melisa comes from a good program and is a hard-working player. I'm sure she will represent Eastern Illinois well on the court."

The 6-2, 175-pounder also is a standout basketball and softball player for the Cougars. She is the starting center for the basketball team and a first baseman for the softball team.

"Melisa is a very good player." states Breese Central coach Diane Peppenhorst. "She is one of the most coachable players I've had in my nine years of coaching. I wish her well at Eastern."

Beckmann will enroll in the School of Business and aspires for a career in management or marketing.