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CHARLESTON, IL--Michelle Stoppenhagen, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stoppenhagen, live in Peoria, has been awarded the Special Education Recognition Award at Eastern Illinois University.

The Award is given for excellence in leadership, scholarship, and service. Students typically have a grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale and demonstrate a genuine interest in special education.

Stoppenhagen, a 1987 graduate of Richwoods High School, is a senior special education major. She is the recipient of the Illinois State Teachers Scholarship and a member of the Gateway Conference Academic Honor Roll.