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#### ROTC AWARDS

CHARLESTON, IL--Garry Pope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pope of Howel, is the recipient of the Physical Fitness Proficiency award and has been awarded membership to the Run for Your Life Club through the U.S. Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Eastern Illinois University.

The Physical Fitness Proficiency award is presented to Army ROTC cadets demonstrating outstanding physical conditioning who scored 290 and above on the Army Physical Training Test.

Pope became a member of the Run for Your Life Club after running a minimum of 100 miles during the past school year.

A 1989 graduate of Lincolnwood High School in Raymond, Pope was a sophomore majoring in marketing in the spring semester.

The ROTC trains college students to become commissioned officers as second lieutenants in the Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve Forces.