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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

RECIPIENT OF SPECIAL ED AWARD

CHARLESTON -- Laurie Meier of Nashville is the recipient of a Special Education Recognition Award from Eastern Illinois University, given for scholarship, leadership and service.

Meier is a senior special education major and will graduate from Eastern in May.

She is a member of Sigma Rho Epsilon honor society in special education and the Student Council for Exceptional Children.

Both her daughters graduated from Eastern -- Christin Comer Dalaviras, a master's degree in guidance and counseling in May 1992, and Carrie Comer, a bachelor's degree in zoology in December 1992.

Located in Charleston, Eastern is a residential university with an enrollment of 10,700 on-campus students, which places as its highest priority teaching in its classrooms and laboratories supplemented by strong academic support services.