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Eastern Teacher Candidates Elected to Connecticut Education Association Student Program

Willimantic – Two Eastern Connecticut State University students majoring in education have been elected into the statewide Connecticut Education Association (CEA) Student Program for 2005-2006.

Emily Laprade, a child psychology and early childhood education major from Woodstock, was elected president. “I hope to make the next three years very eventful with lots of hands-on projects that pertain to everyone’s field of study,” said Laprade. “I want the community to gain a greater understanding for what teachers do.” Laprade is also a member of the Education Club at Eastern, the Eastern Repertory Dance Troupe, and a Young Educator Society (YES) mentor for Windham High School.

Stephanie Conforti, an early childhood education and psychology major from Milford, was elected secretary. “Being involved with CEA is a great opportunity,” said Conforti. “I hope to gain knowledge and understanding that I can take with me throughout my teaching career.” Conforti is also a member of the Education Club at Eastern and the Eastern Repertory Dance Troupe.

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The CEA is the organization of education clubs in Connecticut's colleges and universities. The statewide leadership organizes collaborative service projects and workshops for future teachers.

David Stoloff, professor and chair of the Department of Education at Eastern, says he expects Laprade and Conforti to receive more statewide visibility and leadership experience as they continue their studies at Eastern.