SIC’s Kara Crayne receives IMACC Scholarship

On April 14, Kara Crayne of Equality received the Illinois Mathematics Association of Community Colleges (IMACC) Memorial Fund Scholarship, in the amount of $1,000.

The scholarship is awarded in memory of James Armstrong, who served as a professor at the University of Illinois until his death. Armstrong was instrumental in fostering strong relations between two-year and senior colleges.

Crayne graduated as valedictorian from Gallatin County High School in 2006, and will graduate on May 16 from Southeastern Illinois College. Her plans are to transfer to SIU-Carbondale, and seek a Master’s Degree in Secondary Mathematics Education. She then hopes to teach high school mathematics in southern Illinois.

SIC math instructor Kim Martin said, “Kara is such a deserving student for this award. Her work in the Calculus I, II and III classes here at Southeastern has been exemplary. She will be the kind of high school mathematics teacher we all want our children to have – she works diligently to understand everything, is so excited about learning and teaching mathematics, and has the personality and communication skills to foster this excitement and understanding in her future students.”

Crayne said, “Attending SIC has been a fulfilling and rewarding experience. The mathematics program has left me more than prepared to transfer to a four-year university,” adding, “I am honored to be the recipient of the IMACC Scholarship. By receiving this scholarship, I am looking forward to transferring to SIU and having the opportunity to further my mathematics education.”

Crayne also received the June Rice Malan Memorial Mathematics Award at Southeastern’s honors ceremony on April 29.