

## Alumni Report - Ms. Abigail Schmitz



Abigail graduated from Eastern with her Bachelors in Elementary Education with a concentration in Middle School and Language Arts as well as an endorsement in Social Sciences in December 2013. Shortly after she returned to work as a Graduate Assistant and began her Masters in Elementary Education with a Certificate in Reading Instruction. At the beginning of this academic year, she got a teaching job at Charleston Middle School for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Reading position. She is still completing her Masters at Eastern while teaching, only with a lighter load. This fall, on top of a busy first year of teaching schedule, she presented at the Illinois Reading Council Conference on topics that she not only learned during her instruction at Eastern but that she is able to apply in her classroom at CMS. Abigail also is the Vice President of Bridging Voices in Our Community Bullying Prevention Project. She presented at the *(BVC) Bullying Prevention Project* Conference here at Eastern. She feels lucky that she is able to live out her passion to teach at an amazing school district while also being able to stay so closely connected to the university and continuing her education for the betterment of her students.