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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

AREA STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

CHARLESTON -- Three area students recently received scholarship awards at Eastern Illinois University.

Barry Barenfanger, son of Gail Lockart of Charleston, formerly of Vandalia, and the late Herb Barenfanger, received the Outstanding Senior Award.

Carmen Bumpus, daughter of Martin Bumpus and Sherri Kuhl, both of Mattoon, received the Donna Lynn Connelly Memorial Scholarship. Bumpus also received an Outstanding Senior Award in Home Economics.

Dana Perryman, daughter of Robert and Marilyn Perryman of Mattoon, received the Melvin and Mary Higgs Scholarship.

The Outstanding Senior Award is given each year by the School of Home Economics to a student in each of the areas of concentration in the school. These awards are based on scholarship, leadership, service and responsibility.

The Connelly scholarship was established in memory of Miss Connelly, a home economics major at Eastern during the 1980s, who possessed a keen interest in business. The scholarship was established by her family through a permanent

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endowment fund within the EIU Foundation and is given annually to a full-time deserving female home economics in business student at Eastern.

The Higgs scholarship is named in honor of Melvin and Mary Higgs of Effingham, who have always been committed to education. Melvin, a life-time farmer and electrical-wiring contractor, completed six years of formal education and taught himself electrical wiring by reading books. Mary attended a small rural school through eighth grade and was one of the first in her family to reside in a boarding house in Altamont in order to attend high school. Their only daughter, Pat, earned a doctorate and teaches consumer affairs in the School of Home Economics at Eastern.

Barenfanger, a 1987 graduate of Vandalia Community High School, recently graduated from Eastern with a Bachelor of Science degree in hospitality services with a minor in business administration.

Bumpus, a senior, and Perryman, a graduate student in home economics, are both Mattoon High School graduates.

Eastern, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1994-95, is a comprehensive university with more than 10,500 students and 46 undergraduate and 27 graduate degree programs. It is a teaching institution which prides itself on the quality and affordability of its undergraduate program.