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CHARLESTON, IL--An increased number of outstanding students at Eastern Illinois University will benefit from a series of funds, memorial awards and scholarships established recently in the EIU Foundation by the Board of Directors.

The Foundation seeks, holds and administers contributions in support of the University. This year approximately \$56,000 in academic awards will go to students and \$100,000 from the Foundation will go to Eastern in direct grants to support a variety of programs.

New Awards:

The Calvin Countryman Memorial Award will recognize a senior art education major who shows promise of becoming an outstanding teacher. Countryman was a faculty member in the Art Department from 1945 to 1976 and was Department head for 14 years. Mrs. Countryman established the award.

Outstanding juniors in the Earth Science program will be recipients of the Walter H. and Dorothea V. McDonald Scholarship. McDonald is professor emeritus, Geography-Geology. Dr. and Mrs. McDonald sponsored the scholarship fund.

Aim of the Allen Neff Fund is to provide earnings to fund appearances at Eastern by distinguished writers for lecture programs. The late Mr. Neff was a faculty member in the English Department. The fund was originated by gifts from members of the Department and by other gifts.

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Scholarships

Recipients of the Cyril D. Reed Mathematics Scholarship must be math majors or high school graduates who plan to enroll at Eastern as math majors. The scholarship is funded by a bequest from a trust established by the late Mr. Reed, an alumnus.

Recipients of the Ruth Gaertner Scholarship must be students enrolled in the School of Home Economics "who rate high in respect, assumption of authority, and scholarship." The scholarship fund was originated by Norman and Carolyn Patberg in memory of Mrs. Gaertner, food service director at Eastern for many years.

Proceeds from the Austin Endowment will be used to support the University's Honors Program. Charles O. Austin is establishing the endowment in memory of his father, Charles O. Austin, who played on Eastern's first football team in 1899; his mother, Olive, who rented rooms to students for 35 years; and his twin brother, Jack, class president at Eastern in 1932-33 and 1935-36.

Gifts from the Botany Department and from other persons have resulted in the Botany Undergraduate Fund. Earnings will be used to "support and enrich programs" in that field.

Cecil Swedell of Charleston is the current president of the Foundation.