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LOCAL EIU STUDENT RECEIVES AWARDS

CHARLESTON -- Deanna Kerner, daughter of Dennis and Donna Coad of Newton, has been awarded an Eastern Illinois University Special Education Recognition Award and the Stephen Wayne Kennard Memorial Scholarship.

Kerner, a graduate student working towards her master's in special education, is a 1992 graduate of Newton Community High School. She resides in Mattoon with her husband, Chad.

The Special Education Recognition Award is presented on behalf of the Department of Special Education and recognizes scholarship, leadership and service in the education of individuals with exceptionalities. She also received a Special Education Award in 1995.

The Stephen Wayne Kennard Memorial Scholarship fund was established by the family of Mr. Kennard and is given as a memorial. The recipient of the scholarship must be student teaching in the 1996-97 academic year and must have achieved a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

Eastern emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal

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arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 11,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs.

The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities.

Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.