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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

TWO EIU STUDENTS RECEIVE KENNARD SCHOLARSHIP

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University senior special education students Christina Edmonds, daughter of Michael and Joyce Edmonds of Sullivan, and Jennifer Sheley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sheley of Springfield, are the recipients of the inaugural Stephen Wayne Kennard Scholarship.

The scholarship, endowed by Mr. and Mrs. Ike Kennard of Charleston, and their daughter, Marlys K. Fallen of Tulsa, Okla., was established in memory of the Kennard's son and Ms. Fallen's brother, Stephen Wayne Kennard.

It will be awarded annually to an individual student teaching in that academic year who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship, leadership and service in special education. AMOCO Corporation has also contributed through its matching gifts program.

The Kennards presented the scholarship to Edmonds and Sheley at a December special education awards ceremony held by Eastern's Department of Special Education to present the first Kennard Scholarship and to recognize the achievements of some 300 students.

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During the ceremony, special recognition was given to students demonstrating scholarship, leadership and service; officers of the Student Council for Exceptional Children, a local affiliate of the Council of Exceptional Children; officers of Sigma Rho Epsilon special education honorary; and graduates of Eastern's special education program.

Both Edmonds and Sheley will graduate from Eastern in May.

Eastern, located in Charleston, is a public, residential university that places priority on teaching excellence. More than 11,000 students are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs. Non-traditional and part-time students are enrolled in programs at both on- and off-campus sites. University faculty are involved in a wide range of research and public service activities.



Mr & Mrs. Ike Kennard  
Christina Edmonds  
Jennifer Shelley