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EIU RECEIVES DONATION TO MURAD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

CHARLESTON, IL--Hal Nordin (center), economics professor at Eastern Illinois University, presents a check on behalf of the family of Ahmad "Ed" Murad to Stephen Falk, EIU vice president for institutional advancement and executive officer of the EIU Foundation. Also pictured is Ebrahim Karbassioon, chairman of the Economics Department at Eastern.

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The contribution will be used to establish the Ahmad Murad Scholarship Fund through the EIU Foundation. The first scholarship award will be made this year. Preference will be given to economics majors who are of Palestinian origin.

Murad, who died last year, had served as chairman of Eastern's Department of Economics since 1975. During his 15 years as chairman, the department grew from nine to 18 full-time faculty. There was similar growth in the number of undergraduate and graduate majors, and in the number of students served from other departments.

Born in Palestine, Murad and his family moved to Jordan when the state of Israel was created in 1948. He came to the United States in 1954 to study at Washington State University and became the first person there to graduate Phi Beta Kappa in economics.

He earned his doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin and later taught at Kenyon College in Ohio before joining the EIU economics faculty in 1963.