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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT EARNS TELEFUND AWARD

CHARLESTON -- Charlene Bernardi of Danville has earned the Eastern Illinois University College of Education and Professional Studies Telefund Award.

Bernardi, a graduate student in special education, is a graduate of Danville High School. She and her husband Philip reside in Danville with their two sons Phil, Jr. and Paul Jacob.

The College Telefund Awards are endowed by gifts given to the university by alumni of the College of Education and Professional Studies. An annual phone calling campaign with phone calls to alumni by current faculty and students raises the funds to continue the scholarship. The Department of Special Education gives its awards as a professional development award. The award Bernardi received will provide partial funding for her to attend a professional meeting in the field of special education.

Eastern emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal 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.

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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.