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NINER GRADUATES

CHARLESTON -- J. Michael Niner of Effingham graduated from Eastern Illinois University on May 10 with a Board of Governors (BOG) Bachelor of Arts degree in political science/public administration.

Niner was enrolled in Eastern's Departmental Honors program which offers academically superior students an opportunity to develop their achievement through Honors courses with other Honors students. Departmental Honors program students must maintain at least a 3.5 graduate point average on a 4.0 scale.

He is currently enrolled in Eastern's master's degree program in political science and is serving an internship with the Coles County Public Defender's Office under the tutelage of attorney Robert Drenst. He is employed full-time at Lake Land College as a audio/video technician.

Upon completion of his master's degree, Niner plans to attend law school. He is a member of Sigma Iota Lambda pre-law society and Alpha Sigma Lambda national adult student honorary.

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His wife, Sandra, is completing political science coursework through Eastern's BOG degree program and plans to graduate in the fall.

Niner is the son of John M. and Dorothy Niner of Effingham, formerly of Joliet.