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ADULT STUDENTS AT EASTERN RECOGNIZED

CHARLESTON, IL.--Adult students at Eastern Illinois University were honored for their achievements at the School of Adult and Continuing Education's second annual recognition ceremony held recently.

Dr. Shirley W. Neal, Director of the Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree Program, presented Robert D. Garrett of Decatur with the first annual BOG/BA Degree Program Director's Award.

Neal said the award was created to recognize and honor a graduate of Eastern's BOG/BA Degree Program who exemplifies the highest achievements of adults committed to completing their undergraduate education.

Garrett, Vice President for Administration for Federal Kemper Insurance Company in Decatur and a 1988 graduate, is a member of the Richland Community College Board of Trustees and the Board of Commissioners for the Decatur Housing Committee.

He works with the Private Industry Council which is part of the Job Training Partnership Act and serves as a member of the Steering Committee to develop an economic development plan called the DECATUR ADVANTAGE.

As the winner of the 1989 BOG/BA Degree Program Director's Award, Garrett received a stipend and a plaque.

Neal also introduced Hattie Paulk of Urbana, a 1988 graduate of Eastern's BOG/BA Degree Program and recipient of the 1989 Outstanding Adult Learner Award sponsored by the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education. Neal presented Paulk with the photograph which had appeared in an article in her local newspaper.

Paulk was selected as an exceptional learner from more than 300 nominations submitted by teachers and administrators from 41 states during the 1988-89 National Search for Outstanding Adult Learners.

Neal also presented awards to 28 faculty in recognition of their support of the Board of Governors BA Degree Program.

Later in the awards ceremony, 11 BOG/BA students were inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda, an adult student honorary society.

David L. Gordon of Arcola received the Career Occupations Student Excellence Award. Gordon, who received a Bachelor of Science with a major in Career Occupations degree this spring, was selected for the award based on his academic record, leadership, positive influence on fellow students and personal qualities.

He was nominated for the award by fellow Career Occupations students and selected for the honor by a five-member alumni committee. Dr. Richard Hofstrand, Director of the Career Occupations Program in the College of Applied Sciences, presented the award.

Thirty-five adult students were inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda; Dr. Joyce Felstehausen, Professor of Career Occupations, was inducted as a professional member.

Dr. Robert Pringle, BOG Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Robert Kindrick, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Eastern, became honorary members of Alpha Sigma Lambda.

Dr. William Hine, Dean of the School of Adult and Continuing Education, served as Master of Ceremony. Dr. Calvin Stockman, Dean of the College of Continuing Education and Public Service at Illinois State University and a 1961 graduate of Eastern, discussed "Continuing Higher Education: How It Will Look in the Year 2000."