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CHARLESTON, IL--Dr. Ronald W. Davis, Professor of Biochemistry at Stanford University, is a 1984 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award at Eastern Illinois University.

Davis, a 1964 graduate, attended public schools in Charleston. He holds the Ph. D. in Chemistry from California Institute of Technology. After earning the doctorate, he received a fellowship in the Department of Biology at Harvard.

He is a member of the National Academy of Science, an organization representing all branches of science. Davis' Stanford laboratory was the first to achieve the expression of genes of a higher organism (yeast) in a lower organism (the bacterium *E. coli*).

Davis has also made significant contributions to the techniques of recombinant DNA and is the author/co-author of approximately 70 articles in his field.

Eastern's president, Dr. Stanley Rives, will present a plaque to Davis at a ceremonial luncheon at Homecoming on Oct. 13.