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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

TWO FORMER EIU STUDENTS EARN HONORS

CHARLESTON – Two recent Eastern Illinois University graduates were awarded first place in the case study competition at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators' spring conference in Chicago.

Case study winners were Matt Luttmann, son of Richard and Barbara Luttmann of Alcester, South Dakota, and David Peers, son of Richard and Mary Ellen Peers of Omaha, Neb.

Their win marked the first time staff from Eastern have won first place in the national contest, attracting 20 colleges and universities nationwide.

Luttmann, a 1990 graduate of Alcester-Hudson High School, graduated this summer from Eastern with a master of science in education degree in guidance and counseling. He is residence hall director at Eastern's Carman Hall.

Peers, a 1990 graduate of William J. Bryan High School in Omaha, graduated this spring from Eastern with a master of science in education degree in guidance and counseling and served as a graduate assistant in university housing and dining services.

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GRAD STUDENTS

In the contest, teams of two were given a scenario dealing with reallocating money in a student affairs division budget in order to increase educational programming. Contestants were to set priorities and justify why money would be taken from different departmental budgets.

The teams had 24 hours to develop their response to the situation and then gave their presentation to conference attendees and competition judges.