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CHARLESTON, IL--A member of Eastern Illinois University's governing body told approximately 500 fall semester graduates Sunday that the "real world" has changed in four years, but that the University has "prepared them to move with the changing times."

Robert J. Ruiz, of Chicago, representing the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, said the graduates "are the cutting edge of the new technology" in today's world.

Ruiz said "continuing and increased" financial support for higher education is necessary so that "students who come after you have the same opportunity you have had."

The board member said persons who have benefitted from higher education should add their voices to the Governor and to the legislature on behalf of the needed support.

Dr. Edgar B. Schick, Vice President for Academic Affairs, charged the graduates to have a "vision." The vision for teachers, he said, should transcend "the correcting of papers, the preparation of reports, and the often stultifying repetition of each school year."

The vision of young people entering business should be of those persons "who have created organizations which provide a return of investment while also providing a better service for people."

Graduates entering public life, Schick said, should "search for a vision of service outside of yourself."

President Stanley Rives presided at the ceremony and conferred degrees and awarded diplomas.