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LADING AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

CHARLESTON -- Jennifer Lading, daughter of Larry Lading of Strasburg, has been awarded the Elsie and Erson Giffin Scholarship and the Outstanding Senior Award from Eastern Illinois University.

The Elsie and Erson Giffin Scholarship, established in memory of Elsie and Erson Giffin, is presented to outstanding students enrolled in a family and consumer science program.

The Outstanding Senior award is presented annually to a senior in each of the options or concentrations in the family and consumer sciences major. The selection criteria include scholarship and evidence of leadership ability. Funding for the award comes from the Mary Ruth Swope Fund for Excellence, established to honor Swope, former dean of the school, in order to bring recognition to the program.

Lading is a 1994 graduate of Stewardson-Strasburg High School and a senior majoring in family and consumer sciences, family services option.

Eastern emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 11,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs.

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The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities.

Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.