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WARNER PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS PRESENTED

CHARLESTON, IL--Bryan Eckart, son of Ernest and Betty Eckart of Decatur, is the recipient of the Errett and Mazie Warner Presidential Award in Elementary Education from Eastern Illinois University.

The awards were established in 1976 by the late Errett Warner of Lawrenceville, Class of '25, to recognize outstanding Eastern students in specific areas with scholarships. At the time of his death in 1989, Warner had created 17 different annual scholarships within the University Foundation.

The bequest from Warner's estate provided more than \$750,000 in cash and farm land, the earnings of which fund the annual awards.

Eckart, a 1987 graduate of Eisenhower High School, was a senior majoring in junior high school education at Eastern during the spring semester.

Eastern, located in Charleston, places its highest priority on teaching in its classrooms and laboratories, supplemented by strong academic support services.