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SELECTED STUDENT MARSHAL AT COMMENCEMENT

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University student Eric Dirnbeck, son of Edwin J. Dirnbeck and L. Ann Martin, both of St. Louis, represented the Graduate School as a student marshal at Eastern's recent spring commencement ceremony.

Marshals are chosen by the deans of the respective colleges and the director of the Honors Programs. They serve as the official ushers for the various college occasions, particularly for the commencement exercises. They wear white academic costumes and carry batons decorated in the university's colors, blue and gray.

A 1987 graduate of St. Louis University High School, Dirnbeck was a graduate student seeking a masters in business administration at Eastern during the spring semester. He is married to Darci Dirnbeck of Charleston.

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