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EDUCATION HONORARY RECOGNIZES GOV. EDGAR

CHARLESTON, IL--The national chapter of Kappa Delta Pi education honorary fraternity has awarded Gov. Jim Edgar its Point of Excellence Award for his "commitment to the reform of Illinois education."

Edgar was nominated for the award by Eastern Illinois University's Beta Psi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi. According to Richard White, Eastern professor of elementary and junior high school education and co-advisor of the EIU chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the award is given to an individual or group, institution, project or program that has made an "outstanding" contribution to local, regional, national or international education.

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White said Edgar, a Charleston native and 1968 Eastern graduate, was presented a certificate in recognition of his support of education as governor and former secretary of state.

"His commitment to education was not only reflected in his April 7 budget address when he stated the need to cut administrative costs in order to put more money into the classroom, but also in several proposals he made while secretary of state, including a four-year, \$60-million program designed to make computer technology a key component of learning and teaching," White said.

On the local level, Edgar chaired the EIU Foundation's Brighten O'Brien campaign in 1985-86 to raise money to purchase lights for Eastern's football stadium, renovate the press box and install a new all-weather track. He also participated in the EIU Alumni Association's campaign to raise money to purchase a house for its alumni.