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WARNER SCHOLARS NAMED

CHARLESTON, IL--The names of 18 Warner Scholars in 17 academic areas for 1988 have been announced by Eastern Illinois University.

The scholarships are named in honor of Errett Warner of Lawrenceville and the late Mazie Tearney Warner, both Eastern graduates of 1925.

Administered through the EIU Foundation, the awards carry cash stipends and are financed through gifts by Warner.

Dr. Stan Rives, Eastern's president, announced at an awards dinner held recently that Warner has now given nearly \$115,000 to support the scholarship program and that 150 students have received the awards.

Warner, who celebrated his 90th birthday Tuesday (May 24th), personally presented each of the recipients with a certificate.

Mr. Warner was honored last Tuesday by Eastern at a Panther Club dinner held at the Quail Creek Country Club in Robinson.

After Mr. and Mrs. Warner completed degrees in teacher education from Eastern, they entered the teaching field.

Mr. Warner served schools in Lawrenceville, Charleston, Lerna, Allendale, Hindsboro, Arthur, Allerton and Ridgefarm from 1925-1955.

From 1955-1963, he served as superintendent of schools for Lawrence County. After one year as a development staff member of Eureka College, he became pollution control officer for the State of Illinois until he retired in 1983 at the age of 85.

The first Errett and Mazie Warner Presidential Award was presented in 1976 after Warner approached Dr. Gilbert Fite, then president of Eastern, about the possibility of establishing a fund to honor outstanding students and to encourage them to become productive citizens.

Warner said, "Eastern was so good to me. I wanted to return a little of what Eastern did for me."

At the awards dinner, Patricia Hinz, a 1982 graduate of Eastern who is attending the University of Illinois Medical School at Chicago, presented Warner with flowers.