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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ICTM MATH CONTEST

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University will host the Twelfth Annual Regional Mathematics Contest for students representing 19 central Illinois high schools on Saturday, March 7.

The competition is being sponsored for the twelfth year by the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM).

The 19 participating high schools are Charleston, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Zion, Oblong, Palestine, Sullivan, Teutopolis, Robinson, Chrisman, Hutsonville, Neoga, Newton, Paris, Salem, Marshall, Sacred Heart-Griffin of Springfield, Red Hill, Lovington and Shiloh.

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Mt. Zion and Oblong are the defending class AA and class A regional champs, respectively.

Each school team, consisting of approximately 25 students, can compete in a maximum of 10 events, including written tests in algebra, geometry and pre-calculus and oral presentations in probability of Markov Chains.

Claire Krukenberg, Eastern mathematics professor and regional site director, said, "The purpose of the ICTM state math contest is to recognize outstanding mathematical achievement, to encourage independent study and to stimulate interest in mathematics." Krukenberg also serves as vice-chair of the ICTM State Mathematics Contest Committee.

The competition will be held in two classes, A and AA. Division A consists of all schools with an enrollment of 750 or less in grades 9 through 12. Division AA consists of schools with an enrollment of more than 750 in grades 9 through 12, Krukenberg said.

The competition is from 9 a.m. to noon with the majority of events scheduled in Coleman and Lumpkin Halls. An awards ceremony will follow the contest at 2 p.m. in the University Union Grand Ballroom.

Individuals and team winners will advance to the state finals to be held in late April at Illinois State University.