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For Immediate Release:

EIU FORUM TO HELP PUBLIC UNDERSTAND TODAY'S COLLEGE STUDENTS

CHARLESTON – Persons interested in understanding how today's young college students think, dream and live will have the opportunity Thursday to get answers to some of those questions they may have.

Approximately 20 Eastern Illinois University students will appear before an audience while answering questions as simple as inquiries into demographics and as complex – and personal – as those dealing with sexual activity and alcohol use.

"We're making it as diverse a group as possible," said Eric Davidson, Eastern's assistant director for health education and promotion. He added, however, that the student recruits chosen to sit on the panel "represent the typical, average Eastern student."

The purpose of the forum is to enlighten Eastern's administrators, faculty and staff, as well as interested area residents, about the students of today.

The event, scheduled to take place from 5 to 7 p.m., will be located in the Grand Ballroom of Eastern's University Union. Admission is free.

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.