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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU CAREER DAY/JOB FAIR TO MATCH EMPLOYERS WITH POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's Spring 1999 Career Day/Job Fair -- open to the public -- will introduce more than 130 employers to potential employees and interns.

From 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, these employers representing both the private and public sectors in business, education, health services, law enforcement, armed forces, etc., will be available to meet and consult with current and soon-to-be job seekers. The event is scheduled to take place in both ballrooms and the walkway of Eastern's University Union .

"It's an opportunity for all students to network with recruiters," said Shirley Stewart, director of Student Services.

Career Day/Job Fair is also open to EIU alumni and non-students for a \$10 fee to

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be paid at the door. *Those who participate, however, should have or be close to obtaining their bachelor degree.*

Freshmen and sophomores can use the Career Day/Job Fair to discuss various careers with veteran workers in the field(s) of their choice, perhaps obtaining advice as to what courses to take to increase their value with future employers.

Juniors will find the event particularly helpful in finding internships and identifying contacts for employment after graduation, Stewart added. And seniors, of course, may find permanent employment by their participation.

“There will be opportunities for every student on campus, regardless of their major,” Stewart continued, noting that many recruiters look for “well-rounded” individuals to fill job vacancies.

“They want employees who are good communicators -- both verbally and in writing. They want employees who are analytical -- problem solvers. And they want employees who are motivated and have a strong work ethic. Recruiters are very attracted to Eastern’s students because the majority of them have, in the past, demonstrated these very qualities the recruiters are looking for,” Stewart said.

Students wishing to participate in Career Day/Job Fair need not make appointments. They should, however, bring valid student identification cards and “plenty of resumes.” However, unavailability of a resume should not keep a student from attending.

“Face-to-face contact is important,” Stewart said. “Make that initial contact and tell the recruiter that you’ll get a resume to them in the next week or two.”