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For Immediate Release:

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 1999 WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's Women's Advocacy Council encourages area residents to nominate women who have made significant contributions to their community and/or to Eastern for the 1999 annual "Women of Achievement" Awards.

These awards are given as part of the Women's History and Awareness Month celebration planned for March. EIU students, faculty, civil service employees and women in the community are eligible to be considered for an award.

Awards will be given to women who meet any combination of the following criteria: acts as a role model worthy of emulation; helps in advancing the progress of women's causes; participates in women's professional and/or community organizations; demonstrably defends women's rights and champions the cause of equity; and makes

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outstanding contributions in service to the university and/or community. As many as three awards are given each year.

Anyone is eligible to nominate women who have significantly improved the quality of women's lives and advanced the status of women in the area.

Each nomination letter must include an explanation of the nominee's contributions and achievements and list her address and telephone number, as well as the address and telephone number of the nominator. Letters of support (no more than three) should accompany the nomination.

Letters of nomination should be sent to Marilyn Coles, Department of Music, Eastern Illinois University, 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston, Ill. 61920, by Friday, Feb. 26.

In 1998, "Women of Achievement" awards were presented to Cathie Reynolds and Margaret Hollowell, both Coles County community leaders; and Christina Hardin, an EIU student leader.

This year's recipients will be guests of honor at the Women's Advocacy Council's annual awards reception at 7 p.m. Monday, March 29, at the Tarble Arts Center.

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