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## WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED TO COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

CHARLESTON -- Awards will be presented to two community residents this weekend as Eastern Illinois University nears the end of its month-long celebration of women.

Women's History and Awareness Month activities will include an awards reception, scheduled to take place from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at the Table Arts Center, located on the university's campus. Admission is free and open to the public.

Eastern's Women's Studies Program plans to award Women of Achievement Awards to Jayne Ozier, a faculty member and acting chairperson of Eastern's School of Family and Consumer Sciences, and Deborah Shrum, former program director of H.O.P.E. of East Central Illinois, for their contributions to the community and/or university.

In addition to the Women of Achievement Awards, the Women's Studies Program also will present its 17<sup>th</sup> annual Writing Awards for student essays incorporating a feminist perspective.

The winner in the graduate student category is Umme Al-Wazedi for her essay, "Feminine Voice, Multicultural, Post-Colonial and English Studies: Gloria Anzaldia's Borderlands/La Frontera. The New Mestiza." Al-Wazedi, of Charleston, is a graduate student in Eastern's Department of English.

Undergraduate winners are Annie Monninger, a junior English major from New Lennox, for her essay, "Hysteria: Prison Without Bars," and Amanda Schnarr, a senior English major from Chicago, for "Woman, Madness and Charlotte Perkins Gilman."

Each of the three women will receive \$75 and a certificate for their efforts. Prizes were underwritten by the Women's Studies Program, with help from the College of Arts and Humanities.

During the ceremony, a musical program will be provided by Amasong, a lesbian-feminist choir based in Champaign-Urbana. Participants of Eastern's Living History program may also give a brief presentation.