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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FOUR EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SEEK MISS BLACK EIU TITLE

CHARLESTON -- Four Eastern Illinois University students will compete in the 25th annual Miss Black EIU Pageant -- "From Evolution to Revolution: The Legacy of a Black Woman -- on Saturday, Feb. 27, on Eastern's campus.

The Miss Black EIU Pageant has been one of the largest cultural traditions and celebrations on Eastern's campus. The pageant pays special tribute to the African-American women at EIU, while instilling a sense of pride, appreciation and accomplishment in their African-American heritage.

The contestants are:

ELIZABETH HALBERT, daughter of Charles and Willie Halbert of Bloomington; 1996 graduate of Bloomington High School; junior speech communication major.

DeANNA BANKS, daughter of Terry A. Banks Sr. of Chicago and Roshell Taylor of Waukegan; 1997 graduate of Lindblom Technical High School in Chicago; sophomore

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business management major.

MEGHANN CROWDER, daughter of Larry and Rita Thompson of Joliet; 1998 graduate of Lockport Township High School in Lockport; freshman accounting and pre-law major. **AISHA WILSON**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Woods of Orland Hills; 1996 graduate of Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park; sophomore psychology major.

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