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For Immediate Release:

EIU CONTINUES CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's Delta Sigma Theta sorority will sponsor a nutrition presentation, "Soul Food: African-American Nutrition in the 21st Century," at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the Kansas Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Valencia Browning, assistant professor of family and consumer sciences, will be the featured speaker. She arrived on Eastern's campus with varied experience prior to teaching, having been employed as a dietetics program director at two other universities. Her formal training began in Nashville, Tenn., at David Lipscomb University and Vanderbilt University where she developed an interest in French cuisine, community nutrition and diabetes education and research.

The presentation is part of Eastern's African-American Heritage Celebration, a

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month-long of events honoring African contributions to society.

Another event -- the third annual "Profile of Shades: Culture of Diverse Colors

Student Variety Show" -- will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, in Taylor Hall

Dining Services. This year's event, sponsored by the Taylor Hall Council, will feature a

cross-cultural display of talent, including drama, dance and musical acts, by EIU

students, faculty and staff.

The public is invited to both events; admission is free.

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