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EASTERN TO HOST SPRING OPEN HOUSES

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University will host two spring open houses for prospective students and their families on Lincoln's Birthday, Wednesday, Feb. 12; and Pulaski Day, Monday, March 3.

The open houses will follow the same schedule and are open to high school and community college students, and as other interested individuals. No reservations are necessary.

The open houses will begin at 9 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom (2nd floor, east wing) of the Martin Luther King, Jr., University Union on Seventh Street.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and/or student service personnel. Faculty from various academic departments and staff from student services, financial aid, housing and student life will be available from 9 a.m. to noon to answer questions.

Campus tours will also take place, leaving from the University Ballroom (2nd floor, west wing) of the Union every 15 to 30 minutes. Residence hall tours will take place from 10 a.m. to 2

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p.m., also departing from the University Ballroom.

Tickets for complimentary lunch in the residence halls will be provided.

After lunch, individual departmental open houses are scheduled. From 1 p.m. throughout the afternoon, prospective students and parents may visit certain academic departments and areas that are hosting open houses. Specific times and locations will be listed on the day's schedule of events. Also during this time, guided campus tours will be leaving from the Office of Admissions, and admissions office personnel will be available to answer questions.

Parking will be available in any student or staff parking lot during the open houses, and signs will direct visitors to parking areas.

Another open house is scheduled for Saturday, April 19 with details to follow. For more information about the open houses, call the Admissions Office at (217) 581-2223 or toll-free, 1-800-252-5711.

Eastern emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 11,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs.

The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree

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programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities.

Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.