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CHARLESTON, IL--A program aimed at improving career opportunities for minorities will be held at Eastern Illinois University on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 4-5.

Termed minority-in-residence, the program will feature three graduates now in the private business sector or state agencies, and a non-alumnus special guest.

The participants will meet with students in a general session at 3 p.m. on Wednesday in the Charleston-Mattoon Room, University Union. They will also meet with classes on Wednesday and will appear before classes again on Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon.

Serving as resource persons will be Robert Johnson, class of 1975, a human resource management employee of the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies;

Tina Leonard, who received degrees from Eastern in 1981 and 1982, now with the Vocational Rehabilitation Department, State of Illinois;

And, Chris McFarland, a 1986 graduate, also with Vocational Rehabilitation.

The special guest is Debra Crawford, senior internal auditor with Illinois Power.

Dr. Jay Knott, Director of the Career Planning and Placement Center, said the guests will talk with students "about what corporations are looking for in hiring potential employees and what an employee can expect from an employer."

In addition to the Placement Center, the program will be sponsored by the Black Student Union, Panhellenic Council, and the Walgreen Company.