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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NITA SHRADER NAMED STUDENT SERVICES EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

CHARLESTON -- Nita Shrader, a family planning nurse practitioner at Eastern Illinois University's Health Service, has been named the Student Services "Employee of the Month."

The "Employee of the Month" is a nomination process within the Student Services division of Student Affairs that acknowledges exemplary performance. The Student Services division is composed of employees from Health Service, Career Services, Student Life, Campus Recreation, Student Legal Services and the University Union.

"Nita Shrader is a special person who is truly dedicated to her nursing career and to the well-being of the students she cares for. She is innovative and conscientious about providing the best quality service possible," said Lynette Drake, Health Service director. "I am thrilled that Nita was nominated and selected for such deserving recognition." A co-worker commented for her nomination, "She always has time to help with a problem and her patients always come first."

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Shrader has worked in the nursing profession, both full-time and part-time, since 1968. Her nursing duties have ranged from surgical recovery units, pediatrics, geriatrics, nursing home care and director of nursing for two years before returning to general nursing at Eastern in 1984. In 1995, Shrader received special training in women's health concerns and gynecology. She is currently on staff as a family planning nurse practitioner.

Shrader is a native of Charleston and a graduate of Charleston High School. She attended EIU prior to transferring to Decatur Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, which was an affiliate of Millikin University, and graduated in 1968.

Shrader and her husband, Steve, reside in Westfield. They have two children, Lori Oakley of St. Louis and Rob Shrader of Charleston, and one grandchild.