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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NOMINATIONS FOR WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS SOUGHT

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's Women's Studies Council is encouraging area residents to nominate women who have made significant contributions to their community and/or to Eastern for the annual "Women of Achievement Awards."

These awards will be part of the celebration of Women's History and Awareness Month in March and Eastern's centennial.

EIU students, faculty, civil service employees, and women in the community are eligible to be considered for an award.

Awards will be given to women who have met any combination of the following criteria: a role model worthy of emulation; helps in advancing the progress of women's causes; participates in women's professional and/or community organizations; demonstrably defends women's rights and champions the cause of equity; and makes outstanding contributions in service to the university and/or community.

Anyone is eligible to nominate women who have significantly improved the quality of women's lives and advanced the status of women in the area.

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Each nomination letter must include an explanation of the nominee's contributions and achievements and list her address and telephone number.

Letters of nomination or support should be sent to S. Jayne Ozier, School of Home Economics, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL, 61920, before Feb. 24.

Last year, the Women's Studies Council presented the "Women of Achievement Awards" to V. Carolyn Smith, a Charleston community leader; Edith R. Hedges, a university leader; and Nanditha Balasubramanian, a student campus leader. As many as three awards are given each year.

This year's recipients will be guests of honor at the Women's Studies Council Annual Awards Reception on March 21.