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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EASTERN TO HOST RED CARPET DAY

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University will host "Red Carpet Day: A Day in the Life of an Eastern Student" for prospective students interested in Eastern's College of Sciences on Saturday, Feb. 22.

Prospective students interested in the areas of biological sciences, chemistry, geology, geography, physics and/or pre-engineering will especially benefit from the orientation event.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with current EIU students and spend the day with them. Personalized tours of the campus will be available, as will an up-close look at Eastern's facilities.

Visitors will receive a complimentary lunch in Eastern's dining centers, take part in a mock classroom presentation given by Eastern faculty from the College of Sciences and experience the excitement of an EIU men's basketball game versus Southeast Missouri State.

Reservations are required, and should be made by Monday, Feb. 17.

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For information and/or to make reservations, contact Eastern's Office of Admissions at 1-800-252-5711 or (217) 581-2223.

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 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.