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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MISS BLACK EIU PAGEANT

CHARLESTON, IL-- In celebration of Black History Month, Eastern Illinois University will host the 17th Annual Miss Black EIU Pageant at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, in the University Union Grand Ballroom.

Tickets, on sale now to the public at the Union Box Office (581-5122), can be purchased in advance for \$6 or at the door the evening of the pageant for \$8 general public and \$3 children under 12.

The pageant is a cultural celebration that pays special tribute to the African-American young women at Eastern. This year, five women from the Chicago area are competing for the crown.

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The contestants will be judged by a panel of Eastern faculty/staff members on creative expression, African garment, talent and evening gown/impromptu questioning and are eligible for a variety of prizes. A coronation dance will follow the pageant.

Prior to the ceremony, EIU students, faculty and staff are invited to the 7th Annual Parent's Appreciation Luncheon at 4 p.m. in the Union's University Ballroom. Tickets, also available at the Union Box Office, are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children under 12.

Both events are sponsored by Eastern's Black Student Union. For more information, call Eastern's Student Activities Office at 581-3829.