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CHARLESTON, Ill.--Two \$500 affirmative action awards will be presented at Eastern Illinois University on Friday, March 6. Based on exceptional efforts in promoting equality for women and minorities, the awards will be given at a dinner starting at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the University Union.

Reservations are necessary and may be made by contacting the Affirmative Action Office in 108 Old Main, or by calling 581-5020. Tickets are \$9 each. Reservation deadline is Tuesday, March 3.

EIU President Stanley Rives has proclaimed Friday as Affirmative Action Day and has challenged the University community to continue the "spirit of equal opportunity and affirmative action by and for students, faculty, and staff."

The keynote speaker at the banquet will be Dr. Betty L. Siegel, President of Kennesaw College in Marietta, Georgia. An internationally known speaker and lecturer, Dr. Siegel will address the issues and challenges of equal opportunity in a speech entitled "Affirmative Action: Inviting Excellence."

Becoming president of Kennesaw College in 1981, Dr. Siegel is the first woman to head an institution in the 33-unit university system of Georgia.

Dr. Siegel earned a Ph.D. at Florida State University and has done post-doctoral work at Indiana University. Her academic research is the area of Child Psychology.

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She has served as a consultant in more than 200 school systems and has spoken to professional, business, governmental, and civic groups in 47 states and four foreign countries. She is listed in the "World Who's Who of Women", "Leaders in Education", and several other prestigious publications.

This is the second year in a row that the EIU Foundation is funding the awards.

Dr. Judith Anderson, Director of Affirmative Action, says she is pleased with awards' nominees and is especially excited about this year's guest speaker. Says Dr. Anderson, "This year's awards' ceremony promises to be an exciting event, not only of interest to those within the University but also to anyone in the greater community who wishes to celebrate a worthy occasion, enjoy a fine dinner, and hear an excellent presentation."