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CHICAGO STUDENTS, FACULTY VISIT EASTERN

CHARLESTON, IL--Eighteen junior honor students and three faculty from Chicago's Percy Julian High School received a first hand look at the Eastern Illinois University campus Tuesday, February 28, and Wednesday, March 1.

The EIU Committee for Minority Educational Opportunities sponsored the trip and designated Wednesday "Percy Julian Day" to recognize "the ongoing commitment Eastern has with state high schools, such as Percy Julian, to provide educational opportunities," according to Dr. Shirley Moore, dean, Academic Development.

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"Eastern's association with Percy Julian is a strong one," said Moore, adding that EIU faculty from the College of Education and Journalism Department have visited the school to provide consulting services.

Five teachers from Percy Julian have completed their teacher certification requirements at Eastern as a result of this partnership. She added, "Eastern also actively recruits at Percy Julian in search of minority students who would like to attend Eastern's summer leadership and college prep camp for minority high school students."

Following their arrival Tuesday night, the group attended the lecture "Mississippi Burning: Myth or Reality." On Wednesday, they participated in a campus orientation and four mini-classes on black music, black history, crisis intervention and mass communication.

During lunch on Wednesday, EIU President Stan Rives presented a plaque from the University to Percy Julian in honor of the day and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Charles Colbert welcomed them to Eastern. A student panel, comprised of EIU minority student leaders, gave a presentation on "What it's like at EIU."

"The event enables Percy Julian faculty to become more familiar with Eastern and its facilities and their students to learn about the many educational opportunities available," Moore said.

"Dr. Edward Oliver, principal at Percy Julian, and Patricia Swilly, assistant principal, have been very supportive of the program and have worked closely with the committee and university to plan joint ventures," she added.