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SANDY RIVES RECEIVES STATE AWARD

CHARLESTON, IL.--Sandy Rives of Charleston, coordinator of Eastern Illinois University's Women's Expo and Health Fair, recently received the Illinois Women Administrators (IWA) "Dare to be Great" award.

This award provides statewide recognition to an outstanding individual who has provided leadership and serves as a role model and inspiration to others.

Regional Superintendent of Schools Rose Mary Shepherd and State Representative Helen Satterthwaite are among past "Dare to be Great" award recipients.

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In presenting the "Dare to be Great" award to Rives, Mary Gherardini, Principal, Hearing Impaired Program, Eastern Illinois Area of Special Education, Mattoon, said, "It is my belief that true greatness in life is not what you achieve, but what you help others to achieve. Sandy's key role and leadership with the Women's Expo and Health Fair is just one example of her many efforts to help others. She is truly a very worthy recipient of this award."

One of the largest events for women in East Central Illinois and a national award winner, the Women's Expo and Health Fair is an annual event on the Eastern campus featuring a variety of workshops, exhibits, health screenings and style show for women of all ages.

In a letter to Rives congratulating her on the award, IWA President-Elect Ann Duncan, said, "The leadership qualities valued by our organization have been demonstrated by you in discharging your duties and responsibilities."

IWA is a professional organization that encourages the expansion of administrative opportunities for women in education. It offers networking, support and mentoring to its more than 300 women and men members statewide who are administrators or aspire to be administrators in all levels of education.