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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Two \$500 Affirmative Action awards will be presented to groups or organizations who have promoted equality for women and minorities at Eastern Illinois University as part of its Affirmative Action Day luncheon on Friday, February 28.

EIU President Stan Rives has proclaimed that Friday as Affirmative Action Day "for a renewed committment to the spirit of equal opportunity and affirmative action by and for students, faculty and staff."

The awards, funded by the EIU Foundation, will be presented at a Noon luncheon where the keynote address will be given by Dr. Reginald Wilson, director of minority concerns for the American Council of Education in Washington, D.C.

The \$6 luncheon is open to the public. Reservations are required, and can be obtained by calling Mary Beutke at EIU's Affirmative Action Office (581-5020).

One \$500 award will be given for affirmative action on behalf of women and the other \$500 award on behalf of minorities.

Eligible for the monetary awards are "schools, departments, divisions, or other organizations, including student organizations, who have made contributions to affirmative action above and beyond their stated mission," said Dr. Judith Anderson, director of EIU's Affirmative Action office.

"Inherent in the decision to give awards to groups rather than individuals is the understanding that lasting progress in affirmative action is a product of the combined efforts of many people, and goes beyond merely prohibiting conscious discrimination," Anderson said.

"The winners may use the award money at their discretion to further affirmative action within the University."

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Seven nominated groups are vying for the awards. The Journalism Department, Career Planning & Placement Center and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority have qualified for their contributions to minorities.

The EIU Student Karate Club and Women's Studies Council are in the women's category while two groups, University Board Student Activities and Educational Psychology and Guidance Department, could receive the award for either category.

This is the concluding event in Black History Month and is on the eve of Women's Awareness Month which begins several weeks of activities with the March 1 Women's Expo and Health Fair.