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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MORE THAN 1,200 TO GRADUATE FROM EIU

CHARLESTON -- More than 1,200 students will participate in spring commencement ceremonies at Eastern Illinois University on Saturday, May 11.

Graduation ceremonies will be at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on the Library Quad. If weather does not permit an outside ceremony, commencement will be moved to Lantz Gymnasium. Guest tickets are required for admission to the indoor ceremonies.

The Graduate School and the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences will march in the 9 a.m. ceremony; the College of Education and Professional Studies and the College of Sciences at 1 p.m.; and the School of Adult and Continuing Education and the College of Arts and Humanities at 5 p.m.

Addressing graduates at all three ceremonies will be Eastern President David Jorns, Student Body President Michelle Gaddini of Lisle, Alumni Association President Matt Davidson of Sherman, '82, '84; and Faculty Senate Chairperson John Simpson. Representing Eastern's Board of Trustees in the morning ceremony will be Vice Chairperson Susan Gilpin of Park Ridge; in the afternoon, Trustee Betsy Mitchell of Savoy; and in the evening, Chairperson Mack W. Hollowell, M.D., of Charleston.

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Trustees Keith Branson of Mattoon and Carl Koerner, Jr. of Effingham, will attend the morning and evening ceremonies, respectively.

Faculty marshal for the 9 a.m. ceremony is Marilyn Wilkins, professor of business education and administrative information systems, representing the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences. She has been a member of Eastern's faculty since 1983.

Representing the College of Sciences as faculty marshals in the afternoon are Nancy Weiler, professor of communication disorders and sciences, and her husband, William Weiler, professor of botany. Both have been members of Eastern's faculty since 1969.

Will Hine, dean of the School of Adult and Continuing Education and professor of secondary education and foundations, will represent the School of Adult and Continuing Education, Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts (BOG/BA) degree program, in the evening. Hine has been a member of Eastern's faculty since 1986.

Special recognition will be given to five Livingston C. Lord Scholarship recipients. The prestigious scholarships, named after Eastern's first president, are presented annually at commencement to junior or senior students who show promise of outstanding success in their chosen fields. Three recipients are students enrolled in teacher preparation curricula at the university, and two are enrolled in other curricula. This year's recipients are Michelle Bauer of Breese, Donald Devany II of Glen Carbon, Anne Marie Giarrante of Minooka, Joseph Nolan of Crossville and Patricia Todd of Danville.