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For Immediate Release:

EIU FOUNDATION TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING, HONOR VOLUNTEERS

CHARLESTON – The Eastern Illinois University Foundation will hold its annual meeting at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, in the 1895 Room of the University Union.

All EIU alumni, friends and interested community members are invited to attend.

The agenda includes the election of members to the EIU Foundation and to the board of directors. Currently serving as Foundation officers are Jack Schultz of Effingham, president; Shirley Moore of Charleston, vice president; Sara Jane Preston of Charleston, treasurer; and Dick Cain of Decatur, secretary. Other board members include Harry Crisp of Marion; Rudolf Hlavek of Winter Park, Fla.; and Sue McKenna, Alice Shawver and J.W. Oglesby, all of Charleston.

There also will be a presentation by Stephen C. Falk, director for philanthropy and director for planned giving at Henry Ford Health Systems. Falk is the previous vice president for institutional advancement at EIU and currently serves as Foundation consultant.

Reports will be given by Preston; Schultz; Hammond Associates of St. Louis, a private investment consulting firm; and Richard Edwards, Foundation assistant treasurer.

Established in 1953, the EIU Foundation has total assets exceeding \$37.4 million and an endowment exceeding \$21.5 million. The Foundation annually distributes more than 300 scholarships and awards to EIU students and faculty. During fiscal year 2001, the Foundation

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awarded \$509,250 in scholarships and awards and \$423,000 in grants to the university.

Following the meeting, there will a dinner for Foundation members and special guests in the Union's University Ballroom to honor recipients of the Burnham and Nancy Neal Philanthropy Awards. Volunteers in the following five categories will be honored: Outstanding Philanthropist, Outstanding Volunteer, Outstanding Philanthropic Organization, Outstanding Foundation and Outstanding Corporation.

Award recipients will not be announced publicly until after the reception.

The Outstanding Philanthropist Award is given to an individual or family who has either, personally or through combined efforts, stimulated private sector support for the EIU Foundation. Seymour resident Brenda Edgar, former First Lady of Illinois, earned the honor last year.

The Outstanding Volunteer Award is given to the volunteer who exerts the greatest effort on behalf of the EIU Foundation toward generating private sector support. Margaret C. Hollowell of Charleston was last year's recipient.

The Outstanding Philanthropic Organization honor is presented to the campus group that demonstrates the greatest support to promote the ideals of volunteerism and philanthropy. The EIU Panther Club was last year's honoree.

The Outstanding Foundation and Outstanding Corporation Awards are presented to the foundation and corporation, respectively, that show the greatest support for the EIU educational community. The most recent awardees are the Excellence in Education Foundation – Outstanding Foundation, and Marathon – Outstanding Corporation.