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## Media Advisory EIU FALL 2000 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

More than 1,000 students are expected to graduate from Eastern Illinois University this fall, and many of those – about 750 – will participate in formal commencement ceremonies  
**Saturday, Dec. 9.**

Ceremonies will take place at **10 a.m.** and **2 p.m.** in Lantz Gymnasium.

The Graduate School, Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences and the College of Arts and Humanities will march in the morning ceremony, while the School of Adult and Continuing Education, College of Education and Professional Studies and the College of Sciences will march in the afternoon.

Theodore “Ted” W. Ivarie, retiring dean of Eastern’s Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences, will present the “Charge to the Class” during Saturday’s morning ceremony. Robert Knollenberg, president, CEO and chairman of the board for Research Electro-Optics., Inc., will address graduates in the afternoon -- just before receiving his own degree, an honorary doctorate of public service.

**Special Note:** *We have a married couple – **George and Vickie Risley** – who will be participating in the 2 p.m. ceremony. The Risley’s, who are in their mid-40’s, are natives of **Sullivan, Illinois**, and lived there their entire lives until having to relocate to Glen Ellyn this summer due to George’s job. Family members, including their parents, still reside in the Sullivan area. The Risley’s are graduates of Eastern’s Board of Trustees Bachelor of Arts Program and both will be graduating *summa cum laude*.*

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**E**astern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern’s pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.