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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL --The EIU Foundation has announced the "Mary Ruth Swope Fund For Excellence" aimed at providing assistance in professional advancement for faculty members and alumni of the School of Home Economics, Eastern Illinois University.

Named in honor of Dr. Swope, Dean Emeritus, the fund was established in the Foundation through gifts from Dr. Swope's associates and home economics alumni.

Basic purposes of the fund are "to promote scholarly activities by faculty and alumni of the home economics program...and to bring recognition to that program."

Among activities may be:

Faculty travel for professional development, employment of consultants, programs recognizing the achievement of alumni, and conferences related to home economics.

Specific activities will be recommended by a committee appointed by Dr. Barbara Owens, Dr. Swope's successor as Dean of the School.

Dr. Swope was Dean of the School from its organization in 1966 until her retirement in 1980. She came to Eastern in 1963 as Head of the Department of Home Economics.