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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CLAPP TO HEAD FUND RAISING FOR COLLEGE AT EIU

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University alumna Jacqueline Clapp of Brocton has returned to her alma mater to head fund raising activities for the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences (LCBAS).

Clapp, who previously managed volunteer services for Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center and was a legislative aide to former state Rep. Mike Weaver, is the new director of development for LCBAS where she will establish and implement the college's fund raising priorities and coordinate all fund raising efforts, with special attention to major and planned gifts.

"We are thrilled to have Ms. Clapp on our team. She is familiar with Eastern, having earned two degrees from here, and has had a very successful career in politics and health care. Her knowledge of fund raising and the personal contacts she has made over the years will be invaluable to us," said Ted Ivarie, LCBAS dean.

Ivarie said funding for the development position was made possible through the generous support of EIU alumnus Mark Dronen, president and CEO of DC Systems in

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Oakbrook Terrace, and William Hopper, chairman of the First Trust & Savings Bank in Taylorville.

"I look forward to assisting the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences further strengthen its financial base and fostering relationships with faculty, staff, students and alumni. I will be working closely with faculty, in particular, to determine their needs and to ensure that they have the teaching tools required to better serve our students. I also hope Eastern students will receive new learning opportunities through internships and other activities supported through enhanced funding," Clapp said.

"I'm also planning on collaborating with Eastern alumni and welcoming anyone who wants to assist me and LCBAS faculty, staff and administrators in the college's fund raising efforts. We will begin our initiatives by renewing relationships with past donors and cultivating new supporters who share our excitement about the college's bright future," Clapp noted.

Clapp brings to the position nine years of political campaign experience, including that of campaign coordinator and steering committee member for "Citizens to Elect Mike Weaver" and district office manager and legislative aide to former Rep. Mike Weaver. Her activities ranged from coordinating campaign volunteers and raising campaign contributions to handling constituent inquiries, tracking legislation, directing media relations and public relations events and serving as a legislative liaison to the community on economic development and other issues.

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She left politics in 1993 to manage Volunteer Services at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center where she supervised the activities of 300 hospital volunteers and was a registered lobbyist for the health center. She assisted the Health Center Foundation with an expansion project capital fund drive and the Guild membership in their annual fund raising activities.

Last year Clapp was among 15 women statewide selected to participate in the Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series Fellowship, a nine-month political/governmental educational program covering fund raising and public relations, among other topics.

Clapp earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern in career occupations and technology/training and development, respectively. She was honored last year with an EIU Career Occupations Alumni Service Award.

She is a member of Eastern's Alumni Board and served as its president during the university's centennial year. During her tenure as Alumni Association president, the association was awarded "Philanthropic Organization of the Year" by the EIU Foundation.