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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CRAFT NAMED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

CHARLESTON, IL.--Based on her outstanding job performance, Joyce H. Craft of Charleston has been selected Employee of the Year at Eastern Illinois University.

As an Examinations Officer in the Department of Human Resources-Testing, Craft is responsible for coordinating the scheduling, administrating and scoring of the State University Civil Service Testing for the University.

Upon receiving the award, she said, "I am surprised and very pleased to have been selected 'Employee of the Year.' It is a deep honor and an occasion that I'll remember for years to come. A heartfelt 'Thank You' to all those who made this possible."

Her supervisor Pat Hill, EIU Employment Manager, said, "I have worked with Joy for 15 years and know her to be a very sensitive and caring individual. Her outgoing personality and professional manner have been recognized by this honor. Congratulations Joy!"

Craft, who received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Eastern, administers more than 3,000 tests annually, with as many as 200 different tests, from maintenance to managerial positions, on file.

"Testing is an ongoing process at Eastern, with as many as 10 individuals scheduled to test daily. And, each may take from one to six exams, so it is a time consuming, yet rewarding job," said Craft, who likes her job of 15 years because she is always meeting new people.

"Most people dislike taking exams; therefore, we try to create a friendly atmosphere to ease their nervousness," she explained.

Craft and her husband, John, an Associate Professor of Physical Education and Head Track and Cross Country Coach for Women at Eastern, have two daughters, Jonica and Jody, both of Charleston.

She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Craig Dillman of Westfield.