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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU SUMMER GRADUATION AUGUST 3

CHARLESTON -- More than 250 students are expected to participate in Summer Commencement exercises at Eastern Illinois University at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, in Lantz Gymnasium.

The marching order is the Graduate School, College of Arts and Humanities, College of Education and Professional Studies, Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences, College of Sciences and School of Adult and Continuing Education (Board of Governors B.A. degree).

Eastern President David Jorns will give the charge to the Class of '97 followed by speeches by Student Body President Kim Harris of Tuscola, EIU Alumni Association President Jim Wilhelm of Peoria ('63) and Faculty Senate Chairperson Gail Richard of Charleston. Mack W. Hollowell, M.D., Charleston, will make remarks on behalf of Eastern's Board of Trustees.

Belayet Khan, associate professor of geology/geography, will represent the School of Adult and Continuing Education BOG/BA degree program as the faculty marshal. A member of Eastern's faculty since 1986, he will carry the university mace, traditionally a symbol of honor accorded a marshal of commencement. The mace was fashioned out of Illinois walnut by Robert Sonderman, professor emeritus from the School of Technology in the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences.

Guest tickets are required for admission to the ceremony and may be picked up by graduates (with ID's) from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 1 in the Commencement Office, 107 Blair Hall. All remaining tickets may be picked up at the information table in the Lantz lobby after 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3.

Special guest tickets are available for reserved seating for persons with disabilities. For more information, call the Commencement Office at 217/581-6892.

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