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EASTERN THANKS FOUNDATION MEMBERS

CHARLESTON, IL--During its annual dinner Friday night at the University Union Grand Ballroom, the Eastern Illinois University Foundation honored more than 180 donors and others who have had a positive impact on the University during the past year and officially inaugurated the Second Century Campaign.

Foundation President Margaret C. Hollowell of Charleston welcomed the guests and introduced Eastern President Stan Rives, who told the group the evening's program was designed to acquaint them with the needs of the University and some of the students who will be beneficiaries of the campaign results.

He said it is his charge to build on the University's tradition of excellence, but noted Eastern is no longer able to accomplish its goals, with sole reliance on state assistance.

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FOUNDATION THANKS

"With an institution rooted in excellence, we acknowledge Eastern is not perfection. Thus we ask our Foundation, alumni, friends, parents, and others to help us take the next step," Rives said.

"We could not ask the citizens of Illinois and the graduates of this University to join without first helping ourselves," Rives said, citing the fact that all of his Vice-Presidents and the Director of University Relations have made significant contributions to the University. One hundred percent of the Foundation staff have made pledges and commitments to the campaign and the faculty and staff last year contributed collectively more than \$53,000.

Rives proudly announced that of the \$20 million goal, Eastern has already achieved pledges and commitments totalling \$11,552,443.

Entertainment was provided by tenor Matthew Polenzani, a senior music major from Wilmette, accompanied on the piano by Herman D. Taylor, Chair of Eastern's Music Department.