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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University will present Distinguished Alumnus Awards to five persons as a Homecoming feature Saturday.

President Stanley Rives will present plaques during a luncheon. Charles Titus, Director of Alumni Services, said "these graduates have distinguished themselves in their professional fields and their accomplishments reflect on the University. We are proud to honor them."

They will be guests of honor at a reception tonight (Friday) at Rives' home. The recipients are:

Ronald Davis, '64, Professor of Biochemistry at Stanford University. He has made significant contributions to the techniques of recombinant DNA and is the author or co-author of some 70 articles. He is the son of the late Lester Davis of Charleston and Gerzella Davis.

Dr. Eugene Aikman, '54, is a native of Mattoon and a practicing dentist in that community. He is past president of the Eastern Illinois Dental Society and has been active in many other professional endeavors. Aikman has been a Director of the Alumni Association's Board and the EIU Panther Club.

Elizabeth Podesta Hickman, '43, has retired as Associate Dean of Counseling and Residence Life at Marymount College of Virginia. In 1983, the National Association of Women Deans, Administrators and Counselors honored her for service to the President's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped.

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John Heath, '58, is Chairman, L.S. Heath & Sons, Inc., of Robinson. He is also President and Chairman of Fenn Bros. and Advertising Dimensions, Inc., Heath subsidiary corporations. He is a past president of the Alumni Association and is a member of the EIU Foundation.

Alden Cutshall, '32, is Professor Emeritus of Geography and former head of the department at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He was instrumental in founding the Illinois Geographic Society and is the 1983 recipient of the George J. Miller Distinguished Service Award of the National Council for Geographic Education.