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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ILLINOIS TEACHER OF THE YEAR TO VISIT EASTERN

CHARLESTON -- Illinois Teacher of the Year Valeria Evans will address future educators at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Eastern Illinois University.

Her presentation to student members of the Association of Childhood Education International (ACEI) and Kappa Delta Pi national education honorary is open to the public and will be held in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

A 24-year teaching veteran, Evans has taught pre-school through third grade in Illinois and Ohio and currently is a third-grade teacher in Peoria. Her work includes collaboration with Illinois State University's College of Education as a master teacher in the Goals 2000 Project and membership on the Peoria district's Equity in Mathematics Team.

Her honors include 1996 Phoenix Business Association's Black Educator of the Year and member of Illinois State University's College of Education's Hall of Fame. She is a 1973 ISU graduate. She also is a former Miss Heart of Illinois and a semi-finalist in the Miss Illinois pageant. She uses her musical talents as an inspirational part of her motivational presentation.

For more information, contact ACEI advisors Carol Helwig or Judy Barford in Eastern's Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle Level Education at 581-5728.

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