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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU PRESIDENT JORNS PLANS WELCOME BACK FALL FORUM

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's President David Jorns will address faculty, staff and students during a Fall Forum from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday in Lumpkin Hall 122.

The informal forum -- the first of its kind at Eastern -- will allow the president the opportunity to meet face-to-face with new members of the campus community, to renew associations with others, and to ensure that everyone is working together toward the same goals.

Jorns plans to comment on the university's planning process, discussing the goals and objectives of Eastern's President's Council. Terry Weidner, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs; Morgan Olsen, vice president for business affairs; Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs; and Jill Nilsen, special assistant to the president, will then join Jorns in addressing general comments and questions of a varying nature from the audience.

Traditionally, the university president has addressed the campus community only once a year. The more formal State of the University Address, presented in the spring, allows opportunity for reflection on the school year nearly completed.

The Fall Forum, however, will welcome a new academic year and outline hopes and plans for the months to come.