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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FIVE TO RECEIVE ALUMNI AWARDS AT HOMECOMING

CHARLESTON, IL.--One of the highlights of Eastern Illinois University's Homecoming activities will be the presentation of five University alumni awards during a Homecoming alumni/awards luncheon at noon, Saturday, Oct. 13, in the University Union Grand Ballroom.

Each year during Homecoming, the University presents the Distinguished Alumnus Award, the highest honor bestowed upon alumni, who through their accomplishments and service, have brought credit to their alma mater.

Among the Distinguished Alumnus Award recipients are Michael Conlin of Auburn; Robert Ingram of Durham, N.C.; and John Wargo of Springfield.

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ALUMNI AWARDS

In addition to honoring distinguished alumni, awards will be presented to two alumni who have repeatedly displayed outstanding volunteer service to the University.

Recipients of the Alumni Service Award are Roger Dettro, D.D.S., of Mattoon, and Gary Rogers of Danville.

Conlin ('70, '71), a native of Arthur, is chief officer for the Illinois Department of Conservation Division of Fisheries. He has worked at the IDC in various capacities since 1971, becoming chief officer in 1985.

Before joining the IDC staff, he was a research assistant in Eastern's Zoology Department and prior to that, a Peace Corps volunteer stationed in Africa. He is the recipient of the United Sportsfishing Association's Meritorious Service Award and is a Certified Fisheries Scientist.

A Charleston native, Ingram ('65) is executive vice president administrative and regulatory affairs of Glaxo, Inc., a major pharmaceutical company. Previously he held top management positions with Merck Frosst Canada, Inc., and Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

He is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Industry Relations Board and a director of the National Association for Biomedical Research.

Wargo ('50), executive director of the Illinois Association of School Administrators in Springfield, has been an educator and administrator for more than 30 years, working at all levels of education, from elementary to higher education.

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ALUMNI AWARDS

He has had the prestigious honor of being named a "Certified Executive" by the American Society of Association Executives and is the recipient of the Illinois Association of School Administrators Presidential Award. He has also served on the Illinois Governor's Advisory Council on Corporate Taxes.

Dettro ('53) has practiced dentistry in Mattoon since 1961. He has served as Mayor of Mattoon since 1972 and has held numerous civic positions within the city of Mattoon.

He has also distinguished himself in a variety of volunteer capacities at Eastern, including past president and board member of the Panther Club; past president of the EIU Foundation; chairman of the Magic Million Fund Drive; and a member of the EIU President's Society and the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Rogers ('61, '65), a Charleston native, has been a teacher and principal in the Danville School District since 1961 and former instructor at Danville Area Community College.

While he has had numerous leadership roles in a variety of professional organizations, he continues to remain an active community volunteer for the Danville YMCA, Kiwanis, United Way and Mayor's City Youth Council. He currently is an EIU Alumni Association board member. In addition, he and his wife, Phyllis, serve as co-chairs of Eastern's Danville Alumni Association chapter.

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ALUMNI AWARDS

Other Homecoming activities include an EIU Open House at Linder House (1544 Fourth St.) from 2 to 5 p.m. on Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday. The Homecoming parade begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and the Homecoming football game at 2 p.m.