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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU TO GRADUATE MORE THAN 1,800

CHARLESTON, IL--More than 1,800 graduates are eligible to participate in Eastern Illinois University's annual spring commencement ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, May 9, in the Booth Library Quadrangle.

In the event of rain, the ceremonies will be held in Lantz Gymnasium.

During the afternoon ceremony, Eastern will award an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree to John Theodore (Ted) Sanders. Sanders, currently superintendent of public instruction for the Ohio State Department of Education, has had a distinguished career in education.

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He served as U.S. deputy secretary of education, state superintendent of public instruction for the Illinois State Board of Education and president of the Illinois Teachers Retirement System before joining the Ohio education system.

Sanders has also served as a member of the board of directors and chaired committees for many organizations, including the Educational Testing Service, Adler Planetarium of Chicago and the National Council for Accrediting Teacher Education.

The marching order by college/school in the morning ceremony will be the College of Applied Sciences, School of Adult and Continuing Education (Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree Program) and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

In the afternoon, the order will be the Graduate School; College of Fine Arts; College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Lumpkin College of Business; and College of Education.

To provide equal access for disabled persons, students will receive their diplomas at ground level. The program, except for the presentation of diplomas, will be on the Booth Library stage.

Eastern President Stan Rives will give the charge and confer degrees on the graduating classes. Commencement speakers include Board of Governors Universities trustee Mack W. Hollowell of Charleston; EIU Student Body President Martha Price of Oblong, a graduating senior; and EIU Alumni Association President Jeffrey Knezovich of Naperville, a 1979 Eastern graduate.

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Jayne Ozier, professor of home economics in the College of Applied Sciences, will serve as faculty marshal during the morning ceremony, and Robert Meier, professor of computer and operations management in the Lumpkin College of Business, will be the faculty marshal in the afternoon session.