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EIU TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION WEEK

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University has scheduled several activities in connection with the nation-wide observance of National Higher Education Week Oct. 24-31.

Sandy Rives, wife of EIU President Stan Rives, was involved in the nation-wide kickoff as one of 25 volunteers recognized at The National Volunteer Recognition Gala. She was honored for her outstanding contributions to education, by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in a meeting in Washington, D.C. October 25.

Displays in EIU Booth Library and speakers in EIU residence halls will also be part of the week-long celebration.

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Charleston Mayor Murray Choate has joined hundreds of other mayors in proclaiming Oct. 24-31 as National Higher Education Week. In his proclamation, Mayor Choate refers to the week as "a mindpower campaign that has reached over 100 million people with the message of the importance of higher education." He added that hopefully public awareness will lead to be an increase in much-needed support for vital educational institutions.

On the state level Governor Jim Thompson's proclamation noted that more than 20 million Americans have earned college degrees, adding that college graduates are 60 percent more likely to hold positions in managerial and professional occupations.

A number of activities will take place in Washington, D.C., including an Educational Expo.