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CHARLESTON, IL--Toni Collins (Lincoln-Jamaica), sophomore forward for Eastern Illinois University women's basketball team, has been voted to the Gateway Collegiate Athletic All-Conference Team, according to Patty Viverito, GCAC Commissioner.

Collins, 5-11, was Eastern's second-leading scorer (13.6) and leading rebounder (7.9) this season as the Lady Panthers reached the final four of the GCAC post-season tourney. EIU finished the season 22-7 as Illinois State defeated Eastern 94-64 in semi-final action.

GCAC All-Conference Team is Lorri Bauman of Drake, Cathy Boswell of Illinois State, Judy Burns of Bradley, TONI COLLINS of EASTERN ILLINOIS, Wanda Ford of Drake, Barbara Graves of Indiana State, Lisa Hodgson of Wichita State, Connie Price of Southern Illinois-Carbondale, Kay Riek of Drake and Char Warring of Southern Illinois-Carbondale.

For the season Collins scored in double figures in 21 of 27 games in which she saw action. She started 26 games averaging 33 minutes. She led the Lady Panthers in field goal accuracy hitting 55.7% (151-271). She also led at the free throw line making 64 of 86 for 74%.

In just two seasons Collins is Eastern's fifth all-time scorer (948) and third all-time rebounder (576). Collins was named to the final AIAW Division II Midwest Region Second Team in 1982.

A physical education major, Collins earned a perfect 4.0 grade point last semester. She is the daughter of Patricia and David Collins of Lincoln.