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BANQUET CONCLUDES SUMMER PROGRAM

CHARLESTON, IL.--A five-week summer program at Eastern Illinois University for 45 young, black students from Chicago's Percy Julian High School will conclude with a banquet at 8 p.m. Friday (Aug. 11) in the University Union Grand Ballroom.

James Garner of Macomb will represent the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities at the banquet, which will recognize program participants, their parents and faculty and staff who participated in the program.

The Percy Julian High School students, who are between their junior and senior years, have been on the EIU campus since July 9 as part of a cooperative school-college partnership between the two institutions to enhance educational opportunities for minority students.

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Dr. Charles Colbert, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, said the program is designed to acquaint the high school students with Eastern and promote education beyond high school. It also gives participants an opportunity to earn eight college credits.

Special sections of regular courses were created for the group experience, which has been enriched with evening and weekend educational and recreational programs, Colbert said.

He said the Percy Julian five-week program was expanded this year to include a two-week program for ninth graders entering Percy Julian in the fall, consisting of an intensive two-week workshop that covered nine areas of study revolving around the theme "Illinois: The Prairie State."