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EIU TO HOST SUMMER PROGRAM FOR MINORITIES

CHARLESTON, IL--Teaching minority high school students how to prepare for college will be the focus of Eastern Illinois University's Summer 1992 Partnerships for Excellence program, which will enroll 80 freshmen and 60 seniors from 10 high schools in Illinois.

The cooperative program between Eastern and Lake Land College in Mattoon and the high schools is designed to encourage minority students to attend college.

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SUMMER PROGRAM FOR MINORITIES

The seniors will attend five weeks of college-level classes in math, English and physical education for college credit, while the freshmen will participate in a two-week program for high school credit. An integrated curriculum for the freshmen consists of classes in math, English, science, social studies, speech, radio-TV and journalism.

Both groups begin their sessions June 21 and will be recognized at a banquet in their honor following completion of the program.

"The Partnerships for Excellence program helps minority students with college potential gain the training and opportunities they need to succeed at a college or university," according to Hal Anderson, EIU professor of mathematics and program coordinator.

Participating schools include Centennial and Central high schools in Champaign; Urbana High School; Danville High School; Eisenhower, MacArthur, and Stephen Decatur high schools in Decatur; East St. Louis Senior High School; and Percy Julian and Lindbloom high schools in Chicago.

The program is funded by a \$100,000 grant from the Illinois Board of Higher Education.