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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's "rookie runner" operation has received "Program of the Year" honors in national competition.

Aim of the operation, established in 1982 by the Residence Hall Association, is to "help acquaint new students with their university environment and to make them feel at home." Staffed by student volunteers, the program involves a week of structured events covering all aspects of college life.

The award was presented by the National Association of Colleges and University Residence Halls (NACURH) and the Association of College and University Housing Officers (ACUHO).

George Washington University and Oklahoma State were the other two finalists in the competition. Each institution presented its program at a national conference at the University of Florida for judging by the NACURH Board of Directors.

Describing the "rookie runner" program were students Leslie Garrigan of Frankfort and Penny Jones, Elgin.

All new students are greeted in residence halls by the runners and are available throughout the opening week to help in the transition to college life. In addition, the runners leave calling cards with the newcomers for contact persons if help is needed later.

Patrick Bradley, Assistant Director of Housing, said the program provides leadership experience for the student volunteers, and that "it develops within the new student a sense of belonging and confidence and a positive attitude toward college life."