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LINDER HOUSE DEDICATION SATURDAY

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Alumni House will be dedicated to Eastern alumni during Homecoming weekend at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 14.

The two-story house, 1544 Fourth Street, will be dedicated by Cecil Swedell of Charleston, president of the Charleston Area Charitable Foundation, and named in honor of the Linder family of Charleston.

The public is invited to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony, which will be followed by a brief reception. Tours of the house will also be given until 6 p.m.

Invited guests include Illinois Secretary of State Jim Edgar, Eastern President Stan Rives, EIU Alumni Association president Tom Gaffigan, members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and representatives from the Charleston Area Charitable Foundation.

The house was purchased by the EIU Alumni Association in July after the Association matched a challenge grant made by the Charleston Area Charitable Foundation.

Located next to the Brainard House, the home of the EIU Foundation, the Linder House will serve as headquarters for the Association and as a facility to accommodate numerous alumni activities and services.

The Linders were long associated with Eastern. Lewis Linder was a 1911 graduate and his sister, Mary, completed her degree in 1915. Lewis served Eastern in various capacities on its Alumni and Foundation boards. Both Lewis and Mary were charter members of the EIU Foundation.