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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FOUR TO RECEIVE ALUMNI AWARDS AT HOMECOMING

CHARLESTON, IL--Eulalee Anderson of Mattoon and three other Eastern Illinois University alumni will be recognized for their contributions and service to their alma mater during a special luncheon awards ceremony Homecoming weekend.

The luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, in the 1895 Room in Eastern's University Union.

Anderson will receive the Alumni Service Award given to an alumnus who has displayed outstanding volunteer service to the university and to his or her community.

John Gavin Malkovich, a Belleville native now living in Los Angeles, and Jan Spivey Gilchrist of Olympia Fields will each receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award, the highest honor bestowed upon alumni. The award is given to individuals, who through their accomplishments and service, have brought credit to their alma mater.

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Capt. Robert D. Haycock of Columbus, Ga., will be presented the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award which recognizes an alumnus who has graduated within the last five years and who has brought distinction to the university or to his or her profession.

Anderson, who holds a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees from Eastern, was international student adviser at the university from 1973 to 1978 when she retired. She was an international student volunteer for many years before becoming adviser and her involvement in the students' activities has continued during her retirement. She is a member of the EIU Annuitants Association and is a local volunteer for numerous organizations, including Hospice, the American Heart Association, Cancer Society, Coles County Cooperative Extension and City Recreation Board.

Her honors include being named an EIU Women's Studies Council "Woman of Achievement," Rotary Paul Harris Fellow and National Defense Education Act Fellow.

Malkovich, who attended Eastern from 1972 to 1975, has had a distinguished career as an award-winning actor and internationally-known director in film and theater. He recently completed filming the new Woody Allen movie, "Shadow and Fog," and "Of Mice and Men." Other films he has appeared in include "Places in the Heart," for which he received an Oscar nomination; "The Killing Field"; "Eleni"; "Empire of the Sun"; "Dangerous Liaisons"; "Queen's Logic"; "The Sheltering Sky"; and "Object of Beauty."

He is a founding member of the Steppenwolf Theater Company in Chicago and has appeared in and directed numerous productions including "Burn This," "Slip of the Tongue," "Balm in Gilead," and "Coyote Ugly." He also has appeared on Broadway with Dustin Hoffman in "Death of a Salesman."

Gilchrist ('73), an artist and illustrator of more than 10 children's books, has exhibited her works throughout the United States and Canada. She is the recipient of the 1990 American Library Association's Coretta Scott King Award for her illustrations in Nathaniel Talking by Eloise Greenfield. She recently was one of 11 prominent African American women artists who had their works displayed at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in New York City. A former elementary school art teacher, Gilchrist also is a painter. She has a gallery in Soho, New York and exhibits her paintings around the country.

Haycock ('87) has had a distinguished career in the United States Army, including participation in military humanitarian relief operations during "Operation Just Cause" in Panama in 1989-90 and "Operation Desert Shield/Storm" in Saudi Arabia and Iraq in 1991-92, as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division. His military awards include the Bronze Star, two Army Commendation medals, the Army Achievement Medal, the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal and the South West Asia Campaign Medal. He also is the recipient of the Hughes Trophy Award given annually to the top ROTC graduate in the country.