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CHARLESTON, IL.--Twenty nine students recently attended a Summer Leadership and College Prep Camp for minority high school students at Eastern Illinois University.

Funded through a scholarship program, the students spent a week at EIU "being introduced to the world of higher education generally and to Eastern Illinois University specifically," said President Stan Rives. "Our basic objective is to see that these students have the tools which are required to complete their college education."

Kaylin Johns, assistant in Continuing Education and camp coordinator, said that besides experiencing college life the students "participated in activities to develop leadership, study and communication skills."

A special day long guest at the camp was Wilma Sutton, Chicago, a member of the Board of Governors and Regional Vice President-Community Outreach with Savings of America financial institution in Oak Brook.

Besides visiting with the students, she attended classes and was interviewed on the campus radio station. "I feally felt good about one of the classes I attended on leadership. I think the students will leave here with the impression that it's important to be an individual and positive thinker.

"Actually I came down here because I wanted to talk with these students one-on-one in an informal setting to better understand why they would select Eastern as the University of their choice . . . or why not," Sutton said.

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"Most were here because they believe that Eastern is one of the top universities. Of course, there is the natural culture shock coming from Chicago to a rural setting ... but academically it is second to none," Sutton said.

"From talking with the students, it was evident they had heard about Eastern but because most are honor students, they are naturally inquisitive and wanted to find out first hand what it is like.

"As minority students they were able to see other minority students, the camp counselors, who have done well. . . and these counselors are saying to them that even though it's a small community with fewer social activities than they are accustomed to, that the people do care and are available to help," Sutton said.

"So the information they will carry back is that Eastern Illinois University will provide the tools . . . that the opportunity is here and if they apply themselves they will be successful."

Students in attendance and the high school are as follows:

Rhonda Alexander, Charleston HS	Tracie Anderson, Chicago Julian HS
Katrina Beatty, Chicago Julian HS	Michelle Belcher, Chicago Julian HS
Leonetta Crayton, Chicago Julian HS	Che-Ia Donely, Chicago Julian HS
Hermon Durden, Chicago Julian HS	Lemi Erinkitola, Bloom Trail HS
Jemal Everett, Chicago Washington	Gaylynn Garner, Chicago Julian HS
Marilyn Gilbert, Chicago Julian HS	Shebretto Grace, Chicago Julian HS
Racquel Harrington, Chicago Julian	Mark Hernandez, Chicago Washington
Lori Higgins, Chicago Vocational	Eric Koonce, Chicago Julian HS
Antonia Lippitt, Chicago Lindblom	Sylvia Moreno, Chicago Juarez
Patrick Pickett, Chicago Julian	Natasha Rowan, Chicago Julian
Erika Shavers, Chicago Julian	Marsha Shearrill, Chicago Julian

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Belinda Stovall, Chicago Maria HS

Patricia Trevino, Chicago Washington

Terrence Watson, Danville Schlarman HS

Carolyn Woodards, Chicago Jones

Amada Trevino, Chicago Juarez HS

Alexandra Vela, Chicago Juarez

Lisa Whitlow, Kankakee

Rosario Zarate, Hoopston-E. Lynn