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CHARLESTON, IL--If funding is available, there's no question of whether a Summer Leadership and College Prep Camp for minority high school students will be repeated at Eastern Illinois University.

That's the opinion of Kaylin Johns, who coordinated the workshop for Eastern's Office of Continuing Education this summer. She believes the camp "was an outstanding success." Its aim was to "introduce the students to the world of higher education generally and to Eastern specifically," according to President Stan Rives.

Twenty-nine students from 117 applicants attended, as scholarship winners. They were selected on the basis of grade point averages, extra curricular activities, and letters of recommendations.

A high spot of the camp was the presence of Wilma Sutton, Chicago, a member of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, Eastern's governing body.

As a day-long guest, she visited with students, attended classes, and was interviewed on the campus radio station. Mrs. Sutton is regional vice president-community relations with Savings of America, Oak Park, a division of Home Savings of America, F.A.

Students took classes at no cost in computers, writing, communications, and craftwork, and participated in round robin discussions with representatives from the University's service offices. General familiarity with the campus was helped by residence hall living, Johns said.

"Our basic objective," Rives said, "was to see that these students have the tools which are required to complete their college education."

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Sutton said "I really felt good about one of the classes I attended on leadership. I think the students left with the impression that it's important to be an individual and positive thinker.

"Actually, I came 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.

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

"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 was like.

"The information they carried back is that Eastern will provide the tools, that the opportunity is there, and if they apply themselves they will be successful."

Students who attended and their high schools are:

Rhonda Alexander, Charleston HS	Tracie Anderson, Chicago Julian
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
Belinda Stovall, Chicago Maria HS	Amada Trevino, Chicago Juarez HS

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Patricia Trevino, Chicago Washington

Terrence Watson, Danville Schlarman HS

Carolyn Woodards, Chicago Jones

Alexandra Vela, Chicago Juarez

Lisa Whitlow, Kankakee

Rosario Zarate, Hoopeton-E. Lynn