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EVENTS FEATURE TOP SPEAKERS

CHARLESTON, IL--The 1989 Miss Indiana, Lisa Williamson, and North Carolina businesswoman Emory Austin will open day-long conferences for teen and adult women at Eastern Illinois University Saturday, March 2.

Held simultaneously, the Teen Expo and Women's Expo and Health Fair feature special activities for participants, including workshops, exhibits, and style shows.

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EXPO KEYNOTERS

A graduate student in music at Indiana University-Bloomington, Williamson will kick-off the Teen Expo, for young women ages 13 to 17, with a keynote address at 8:20 a.m. in Eastern's Doudna Fine Arts Center Auditorium. She will give an encouraging talk about her experiences and how she has been able to lead a quality life despite personal barriers.

Williamson explained that the death of her father from lung cancer influenced her to change her life. She became an active volunteer for the American Cancer Society and has received numerous awards for her work with cancer patients.

She has since taken the message, "Quality of Life," to more than 50,000 elementary, junior high and high school students.

"I tell young women that no matter what their circumstances, they can rise above them," Williamson said.

Also appearing at the Teen Expo will be Sara Martin of Schaumburg, America's 1990 Young Woman of the Year. She will present the workshop, "Girls are Great," dealing with young women as equals.

Austin will give the Women's Expo keynote speech on "Believing is Seeing," designed to give new meaning to women's lives and careers.

A full-time professional speaker throughout America and Europe and author of "How to Love Your Customer," a best-selling cassette album, Austin advises and trains speakers whose professional advancement depends on their speaking skills.

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She is founder of the Business Resource Center, a high-profile communications business, and has managed a multi-million-dollar corporation.

Decatur's Eisenhower High School Show Choir, "Elite Energy," will perform during the Women's Expo opening session at 8:30 a.m. in McAfee South Gym. In its first season, the group consists of 32 singers/dancers.

The Paris High School Swing Choir will provide entertainment during the women's brunch/lunch and style show.

Other activities during the day include free health screenings by Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center for adult women and a "Teen Scene Mini-Health Mall" for the young women.

The registration fee is \$12 for women and \$10 for teens. For more information about the Teen Expo, call (217) 581-2658, and for the Women's Expo, (217) 581-5982.