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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MISS BLACK EIU CROWNED

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University sophomore speech communication major Karen Adkins of Peoria is the new "Miss Black EIU."

The Miss Black EIU Pageant is a cultural celebration that pays special tribute to the African American women of Eastern Illinois University, while instilling a sense of pride, appreciation and cultural awareness in the African American heritage.

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MISS BLACK EIU

Adkins, who was crowned at the 15th annual Miss Black EIU pageant Saturday night, will reign as the new queen for the next year and fulfill all the duties and activities of Miss Black EIU.

Her court includes first runner-up La'Shone Williams, a junior pre-engineering major from Chicago; second runner-up Hollijoy Johnson, a senior computer management major from Country Club Hills; and third runner-up Alexa Smith, a junior hotel management major from Mattoon.

The theme of this year's pageant, sponsored by Eastern's Black Student Union, was "Ebony: Expressions of Culture." The seven contestants were judged on creative expression, African garment, talent, evening gown/impromptu questioning and were awarded a variety of prizes.