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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AWARDS

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University recognized two campus organizations for their work in promoting affirmative action at Eastern's sixth annual affirmative action awards banquet held recently.

Eastern's Journalism Department/Student Publications and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority each received \$250 awards and plaques for their affirmative action accomplishments.

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The Journalism Department was recognized for its efforts in recruiting and training minority journalists and maintaining an intensive job and internship program for minority students. In addition, the department has actively recruited minority faculty members and has continued its expansion of a minority journalism student high school training and recruitment program.

Delta Sigma Theta, one of nine historical black Greek organizations on campus, was recognized for its efforts in recruiting black youths to the University and encouraging black women to excel.

In addition to sponsoring annual achievement awards for black women, the sorority participates in ongoing educational, social and philanthropic activities that enhance the quality of life for Eastern's minority community.

Sorority members have given their time to such charitable causes as the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, American Red Cross Association Telethon, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Miss Black EIU Pageant, and Women's Expo and Health Fair at Eastern.

Other nominees for affirmative action awards on behalf of women and minorities were Women in Communications, Inc.; Office of Admissions; Faculty Senate; Organization of Adult Students, Informal and Supportive; University Relations; Student Council for Exceptional Children; and Judicial Affairs.

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During the banquet, Eastern President Stan Rives emphasized the need for the University to make more rapid progress toward cultural diversity, while keynote speaker William Gollnick stressed the need for a greater awareness of Indian culture in American society. Gollnick is assistant chancellor for American Intercultural Programming at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.