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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WSC HONORS FIVE WOMEN

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Women's Studies Council recently honored five area women at its 11th annual awards banquet.

The Council presented three "Women of Achievement" awards to individuals who have made significant contributions to the university and/or the larger community. Recipients include Sue Stoner of Charleston, psychology professor at Eastern; Carol Sanders of Mattoon, vice president for community services and economic development at Lake Land College; and sophomore journalism student Karen Medina of Chicago.

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Each was recognized for her efforts in advancing the status of women and improving the quality of women's lives.

Stoner hopes her research on psychological testing and measurement, focusing on gender and age differences, will aid in overcoming gender bias in psychological literature. She has been an advocate for increasing the diversity of faculty within her department and has promoted programs and policies that are more responsive to the needs of minority, nontraditional and women students.

At Lake Land, Sanders has been instrumental in establishing the Small Business Development Center, the Center for Business and Industry, and Dislocated Workers Program, all of which have increased opportunities and assistance for women workers and entrepreneurs in training and retraining programs.

Medina is responsible for creating and organizing the Hispanic Student Union at Eastern and has developed a greater awareness about Hispanics through her work as reporter and news editor for Minority Today. She also serves as the only woman sportswriter for the Mattoon Journal-Gazette.

The Council awarded EIU graduate students Mary Allison Harris of Sullivan and Tammy Bear of Paris first place in the Women's Studies writing competition. Harris wrote on "S. Anderson's Creation of Beauty: A Study of 'Death in the Woods.'" Bear's theme was "Archetypal Women Warriors in the Works of Anne McCaffrey." Their essays were selected based on literary value, quality of writing, and strong arguments of presentation.