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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU COMMENCEMENT MAY 11

CHARLESTON, IL--More than 1,600 graduates are eligible to participate in the annual Eastern Illinois University Spring Commencement Ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, May 11, on Eastern's Library Quad (in case of rain, Lantz Gymnasium).

Graduates from the School of Adult and Continuing Education (Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree Program) and colleges of Education and Liberal Arts and Sciences will participate in the 10 a.m. ceremony.

The 2 p.m. ceremony will include the Graduate School and colleges of Applied Sciences; Business; Fine Arts; and Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

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EIU President Stan Rives will give the charge and confer degrees on the graduating classes.

Board of Governors Universities member William E. Hoffee of Fairfield will provide greetings on behalf of the governing board for EIU and four other Illinois universities.

Eastern Student Body President Dan Riordan of Chicago and EIU Alumni Association President Barbara Haberer of Charleston, a 1966 EIU graduate, will also bring greetings to the Class of 1991.

Professor John North of the College of Education will serve as faculty marshal during the morning ceremony. Professor Carl Emmerich of the College of Fine Arts is the faculty marshal in the afternoon session.

Honorary Doctor of Public Service degrees will be awarded to Gerald Walden Dunn of Mattoon in the morning ceremony and to Thelma Keller of Effingham in the afternoon ceremony.

Dunn was in the education field for 44 years, serving as Coles County Superintendent of Schools for 22 years prior to his retirement. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Eastern in 1930.

Keller, internationally recognized in the hospitality industry for her accomplishments, is most noted for her involvement with the Keller Ramada Inn and Convention Center in Effingham, which was named the Ramada Inn-of-the-Year in international competition in 1987.