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PARTNERSHIPS FOR EXCELLENCE

CHARLESTON, IL--Forty-seven minority high school seniors were recognized for successfully completing Eastern Illinois University's Partnerships for Excellence Program at a recent banquet held in their honor.

The seniors, from 10 Illinois high schools, participated in a five-week summer program that enabled them to earn college credit by attending classes in math, English, tennis and swimming.

The program is designed to help minority students with college potential gain the training and opportunities they need to succeed at a university, according to Charles Colbert, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Eastern and program coordinator.

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Guest speaker Wilma Sutton of Chicago, Vice Chair of the Board of Governors Universities, Eastern's governing board, told the students and their families, "Education is the key to your future...and it's up to you to use your education to make things better for everyone."

Eastern President Stan Rives said, "Whether you attend Eastern or not your life will be better when you attend and graduate from the college of your choice."

The students were presented certificates and mementos. Awards also were given by EIU faculty to individual students who excelled in the areas of English, trigonometry, computer programming, problem solving, algebra and basic programming.

Earlier this summer, 79 freshmen students from the participating Partnerships for Excellence schools were recognized for completing a two-week program where they attended classes for high school credit.

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NOTE TO EDITOR: The participating schools included Centennial and Central High Schools in Champaign; Urbana High School; Danville High School; Stephen Decatur, Eisenhower, and MacArthur High Schools in Decatur; East St. Louis Senior High School; and Percy Julian and Lindblom High Schools in Chicago.