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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

DILWORTH RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

CHARLESTON, IL--Jean Dilworth of Charleston, assistant professor in the School of Home Economics at Eastern Illinois University, has received third place in the International Textile and Apparel Association's annual design competition.

The wedding gown Dilworth designed was selected for the national award from among 38 faculty entries judged by a 10-member panel including five designers, an author, a fashion director, and three educators.

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The design competition, held recently during the International Textile and Apparel Association's national conference and design runway show at the San Francisco Fashion Center, is intended to foster student and faculty design work.

The competition provides a process to have individual work juried and recognized by others. In addition to the faculty entries, there were 102 student entries, representing a total of 35 institutions.

Upon receiving the award, Dilworth said, "It is great to gain recognition of a national level for myself, the School of Home Economics and Eastern Illinois University. My formal education and my experience combines principles from fashion apparel and theater costume design."

The International Textile and Apparel Association is an organization composed of university and college teachers and business professionals.