

Report to the Board of Trustees Meeting

EIU'S MISSION STATEMENT

Eastern Illinois University is a public comprehensive university that offers superior, accessible undergraduate and graduate education. Students learn the methods and results of free and rigorous inquiry in the arts, humanities, sciences, and professions, guided by a faculty known for its excellence in teaching, research, creative activity, and service. The University community is committed to diversity and inclusion and fosters opportunities for student-faculty scholarship and applied learning experiences within a student-centered campus culture. Throughout their education, students refine their abilities to reason and to communicate clearly so as to become responsible citizens and leaders.



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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AGENDA

November 13, 2025 Dvorak Concert Hall, Doudna Eastern Illinois University Charleston, IL 61920

- 11:30 a.m.
- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Executive Session (If voted upon by the Board in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.)
- 1:00 p.m.
- III. Reports
 - A. Report from the Board Chair
 - B. Committee Reports
- IV. Action Items
 - A. Approval of Minutes September 11, 2025, Board Meeting
 - B. Executive Session Minutes
 - C. Honorary Degree Mr. Keith Kohanzo
 - D. Purchase Approvals
 - 1. Trash Pick-Up and Disposal Services
 - 2. Lawson Cooling Tower Replacement
 - E. Non-Indentured and Indentured Reserves
- V. Information Items
 - A. President's Report
 - 1. Intercollegiate Athletics Mr. Tom Michael
 - B. Earned Degrees Report
 - C. Reports from Constituencies
 - D. Summary of Purchases \$100,000 \$249,999
 - E. Deposit and Investment Report for the Quarter ended 9-30-2025
 - F. FY25 Income Producing Grants and Contracts
 - G. FY25 Tuition Waivers
 - H. University Highlights
 - I. Other Matters
 - J. Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment

To learn more about the procedures for public comment, please visit:

https://www.eiu.edu/trustees/regulation01.php#:~:text=At%20the%20end,to%20the%20Board

BOT Committee Meetings:

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch in Theatre

09:00 – 09:30 a.m. 09:30 – 10:15 a.m. 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. 11:15 – 11:30 a.m.	Executive/Planning Committee Finance/Audit Committee Academic and Student Affairs Committee University Advancement and Alumni Relations Committee Enrollment Management Update
Executive Session	
11:30 – 12:00 p.m.	Executive Session – Doudna, Deans Conference Room
Lunch	

III. REPORTS

A. Report from the Board Chair

B. Committee Reports

Executive/Planning Committee

Christopher Hicks, Chair

Finance/Audit Committee

Timi Ngoboh, Chair

Academic/Student Affairs Committee

Julie Everett, Chair

University Advancement/Alumni Relations Committee

Bernie Ranchero, Chair

Civil Service Merit Board

Barb Baurer, Chair

Board Regulations

Executive/Planning Committee

Note: All trustees are members of all committees.

Action Item A. Approval of Minutes - September 11, 2025

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS

September 11, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Trustees convened on September 11 June 12, 2025, at 11:06 am in the MLK Jr. Grand Ballroom, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois. Mr. Chris Hicks, Chair, presided.

Roll Call

Roll was called:

Ms. Baurer	Present
Ms. Everett	Present
Ms. Madigan	Present
Ms. Morris	Present
Mr. Timi Ngoboh	Absent
Dr. Ranchero	Present
Mr. Hicks	Present

Also present were the following:

Dr. Jay Gatrell, President

Dr. Holly Farley, Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Mr. Matt Bierman, Vice President for Business Affairs

Mr. Mike Hutchinson, Director of Business Services/Treasurer

Ms. Mindy Spencer, Vice President for University Advancement

Mr. Austin Hill, General Counsel

Ms. Cindy Hutchison, Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees

Executive Session

Ms. Baurer moved that the Board of Trustees convene in Executive Session to consider employment of employees, collective negotiating matters and executive session minutes as permitted by Section 2.C.1, 2 and 21 of the Open Meetings Act. Dr. Ranchero seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

Ms. Baurer moved to return to the Open Session. Dr. Ranchero seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Board of Trustees reconvened after lunch at 1:00 pm in MLK Jr. Grand Ballroom for the remainder of the Board of Trustees meeting.

Report from Board Chair

Chair Hicks opened the meeting with a welcome to all in attendance. He expressed gratitude to President Gatrell and the administration for their extraordinary dedication and work to support the institution. Chair Hicks welcomed Student Trustee, Madison Veatch, to her first meeting.

Committee Reports

Executive/Planning Committee

Mr. Hicks shared President Gatrell's Springfield and DC update, reporting the TRIO grant will be funded again and consultants in DC are optimistic the funding will continue. WEIU, which is funded entirely with grants that are no longer being offered, and fundraising, is working to find a pathway forward to ensure News Watch and WEIU continue for student learning.

The official 10th day count is 8107; a decrease mainly due to reduced international enrollment.

President Gatrell presented the naming recommendations to be brought before the board for vote: Frost Field at Coaches Stadium; Monier Intramural Fields; and The Tarble Museum of Art at Eastern Illinois University.

The university's alcohol policy has been updated to allow sales through Athletics as well as the MLK Jr. University Union.

Tennessee Tech has announced they are leaving the OVC conference effective July 1, 2026.

Finance/Audit Committee

Mr. Hicks reported on VP Bierman's update and Mike Hutchinson's line-item status report. Approval is being requested for a lease with Cisco for IT equipment. FY25 budget ended with a deficit of \$453,000 in Ledger 1. The FY26 budget shows a projected deficit, due in part to the reduction of funds received from the state; 2% was expected but has since been reduced to 1%. The university will continue to closely monitor expenses following 10th day numbers and operate conservatively.

Student accounts will no longer be charged a finance charge beyond 12 months. After one year of losing contact with a student, they will be sent to collections. Settlement offers were sent to 4603 former students who have been graduated for over 2 years and have outstanding account balances.

To date, 334 payments amounting to \$468K have been received. The remaining are being sent to a collection agency.

Summer projects that have been completed are the installation of a fiber loop; Gardella Family Court in McAfee; roof work on the Field House; parking lot repairs; lighting replaced in the Booth Library atrium and entrance door repairs; and South Quad Residence Hall improvements. The utility tunnel rehabilitation will go out to bid by the end of September and the new science building project is moving forward with bids expected to be received in late 2025 or early 2026.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Ms. Everett shared VP Flaherty's update on the recent ribbon cuttings at the Lantz Complex East pickle ball and basketball courts and the Student Rec Center. Thomas Hall is in the planning stages for a renovation to create pod style bathrooms and update the HVAC and electrical systems. We anticipate bringing this to the board for approval this year with the goal of renovations completed by Fall 2027.

Ms. Everett also shared VP Farley and Dr. Gillespie's report on first-time student enrollment and the retention initiatives EIU currently has in place. One of the newest tools, EdSights (Billy Bot), is live this fall and is an AI generated student chat-bot. 97% of students opted for this tool last school year.

University Advancement and Alumni Relations Committee

Dr. Ranchero shared VP Spencer's update. The campaign is in the planning phase and work is being done to grow annual giving, engagement, storytelling, and build portfolios. Raisers Edge is in the final conversion stage and employee training continues.

A stewardship email will go out in the next week and include a Fall video. JustGive (Crowdfunding/Giving Day) will go live September 29, 2025. The alumni newsletter has gone out and over 121,000 living alumni have been identified.

Final FY25 gifts totaled \$7,754,526.61 and there were 3503 unique donors.

Action Items

- **A.** Ms. Everett moved to approve the minutes of the June 12 & 13, 2025 board meeting and retreat. Ms. Madigan seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- **B.** Ms. Madigan moved to approve the Statement on Board Responsibilities for Intercollegiate Athletics for the Academic Year 2025-26. Dr. Ranchero seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- **C.** Dr. Ranchero moved to approve the FY26 Budget Final & Preliminary FY27. Ms. Madigan seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

- D. Ms. Baurer moved to approve the purchase approval Cisco Network Lease. This is an equipment lease for new network infrastructure. The financing will be provided by Cisco. The purchase will be made to Presidio Networked Solutions Group, LLC. Presidio is an awarded vendor under IPHEC2011. The lease will be paid to Presidio at \$390,523.64 per year for seven years. Ms. Everett seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- **E.** Ms. Madigan moved to approve the naming request, Frost Field at Coaches Stadium. Ms. Veatch seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- **F.** Ms. Baurer moved to approve the naming request, Monier Intramural Fields. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.
- **G.** Ms. Madigan moved to approve the naming request, The Tarble Museum of Art at Eastern Illinois University. Dr. Ranchero seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

Information Items

President's Report

President Gatrell introduced Dr. Shawn Peoples who presented the Annual Title IX Overview to the trustees. Title IX prohibits sex-based discrimination in education programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance.

Reports from Constituencies

Faculty Senate – Todd Bruns: Mr. Bruns informed the Board that Faculty Senate had their first meeting on September 9 with the potential department and program mergers being the primary topic of discussion. They hope to revive the EIU Think Tank with new members; with retirements there are currently only 2 remaining members.

Student Senate – Claire Weber: Ms. Weber shared the list of members on the Student Government's Executive Board: Student Body President, Reagan Robson; Executive Vice President, Anna Jones; Student Vice President for Academic Affairs, John Slater; Student Vice President for Student Affairs, Clarie Weber; Speaker of the Student Senate, Megan Fox. At their last meeting the Bylaws were voted on and passed to remove mention of "diversity" throughout the Bylaws.

Summary of Purchases \$100,000 - \$249,999 and Exempt Purchases

<u>Vendor</u>	Type of Purchase	<u>Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alliant Insurance Services Inc.	Property Insurance	(A)	\$790,929.00
Dell Marketing LP	Campus Computer Purchases	(B)	\$300,000.00
CORE Construction	Thomas Hall Renovation Design	(C)	\$194,085.00
United Rentals North America	80 Foot Articulating Lift	(D)	\$177,134.00
Mythics LLC	Oracle Software Maintenance	(E)	\$170,779.76
Southern Bus and Mobility	Panther Shuttle Buses	(F)	\$168,000.00
EAB Global	Navigate360 Student Retention Platform	(G)	\$168,000.00
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance	Cleaning Products	(H)	\$108,106.00

- (A) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2101; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (B) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2207; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (C) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC1708; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (D) IPHEC Contract # IPHEC1710; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (E) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC1807; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (F) Invitation for Bid (IFB) # EIUMJT2508
- (G) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2222; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (H) IPHEC Contract #188GAL; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations

FY 2025 Deposit & Investment Report

For the year ending June 30, 2025, the University had an average daily invested cash balance of \$105,904,852.47 and a net average daily balance of \$103,692,265.36. The annualized average yield was 4.72%.

University Highlights

University Highlights were provided as well as spotlight events around campus, student/faculty/staff/alumni honors and achievements, athletic events and honors.

Other Matters – None

Public Comment –None

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Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Action Item B. Executive Session Minutes

Section 2.06(c) of the Open Meetings Act requires that the Board of Trustees review the minutes of all executive sessions at least semi-annually to determine whether the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of those minutes. Minutes of executive sessions or portions thereof, which no longer require confidential treatment must be made available for public inspection.

In order to comply with this provision, Board counsel is reviewing executive session minutes and will provide the board recommendations as to whether or not all or part of those minutes shall remain confidential.

Action Item C. Honorary Degree - Mr. Keith Kohanzo, Doctorate of Public Service

A two-time Eastern Illinois University graduate ('69, '71), Keith Kohanzo dedicated 35 years of his life to EIU, including 27 years as the founding director of the Office of Judicial Affairs (now the Dean of Students Office).

A true pioneer, Mr. Kohanzo authored EIU's first Code of Student Conduct. The code established a framework for compassionate accountability, bringing clarity, consistency, and fairness to student discipline. In 1988, he was a founding member of the Association for Student Judicial Affairs (now the Association for Student Conduct Administration).

Beyond campus, Mr. Kohanzo has been a committed servant-leader, focused on preparing young adults for lives of purpose and significance. He served more than six decades in the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps and also volunteered with the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Program. Around the state, he is recognized as a highly effective volunteer leader for Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts of America). He has led Charleston Troop 141 for over 26 years and served for decades on the local council and district boards. Throughout his adult life, Mr. Kohanzo has also been involved in the Big Brothers – Big Sisters program.

Mr. Kohanzo's distinguished career and extensive volunteer service have earned him numerous recognitions including:

- EIU Distinguished Alum
- Jefferson Award for Public Service
- The Silver Beaver Award—Scouting America's highest volunteer recognition, as well as Scouting's Award of Merit (District), Order of the Arrow, & Cross & Flame

<u>It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the honorary degree for Mr. Kohanzo.</u>

Action Item D.1. Trash Pick-Up Disposal Services

Purchase Item: Trash Pick-Up and Disposal Services

Description / Explanation: This contract includes all equipment, labor and materials for

trash collection and disposal services for the period beginning

the date of execution through June 30, 2027, with the

University's option to renew for four (4) additional two-year periods. Under terms of this agreement, pricing may increase

up to 4% in each option period.

Cost: NTE \$2,166,530.00 (based upon initial term and renewal

options.)

Recommended Vendor: Rumpke Waste Service of Illinois, Inc.

Summary of Bids: EIUMDB2601 was conducted in accordance with 30 ILCS 500.

Four vendors downloaded the IFB document from the Higher Education Procurement Bulletin, however Rumpke Waste Service of Illinois, Inc. was the only response received.

BEP Goals: EIUMDB2601 had a 1% BEP Goal. Rumpke has requested a

waiver of the goal based on their good faith efforts and the best

interest of the state.

Fund Source: Appropriated and Local Funds

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this purchase item.

Action Item D.2. Lawson Cooling Tower Replacement

Purchase Item: Lawson Cooling Tower Replacement

Description / Explanation: The cooling tower on the roof of Lawson Hall is at the end of its

useful life. It is one of six that is used to reject heat from our chilled water loop used to cool campus buildings. Delay in replacing it could cause it to fail and the campus chilled water system would not be able to keep up with the demand, impairing cooling. The unit experienced a failure last May which required interim repairs to keep

it operational.

Cost: NTE \$600,000

Recommended Vendor: TBD

Summary of Bids: An IFB is being conducted in accordance with 30 ILCS 500.

BEP Goals: A 30% BEP goal will be included in the IFB

Fund Source: Utility Auxiliary Enterprise Funds

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this purchase item.

Action Item E. Non-Indentured and Indentured Reserves

Non-indentured Reserves

In order to retain working capital allowances and adequate funds for repair/replacement of equipment and/or relevant facilities, and in accordance with Section V.G.5 of the Board of Trustees Regulations and/or Section IV of the Legislative Audit Commission's University Guidelines, Board approval is requested to increase/decrease reserves as follows:

		Increase (Decrease)		Current Fund
Entity	Amount	Requested	Amount	Balance
Material Fees	585,000	-	585,000	254,079
Student Fee Programs/Services	150,000	-	150,000	102,539
Service Departments	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	644,561
Student/Staff Programs/Services	140,000	-	140,000	46,286
Educational Services	80,000	-	80,000	55,329
Auxiliary Enterprises-Other	2,200,000	-	2,200,000	849,123
Public Services	10,000	-	10,000	-
Extended Learning - Contract Credit	65,000	-	65,000	52,554
Income Fund Equipment	3,500,000	1,500,000	5,000,000	4,735,699
Reserve for Compensated Absences	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	702,323
Reserve for Student Health Insurance	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	1,523,908
Self-Insurance Reserve (replacing SURMA)	600,000	-	600,000	576,590
Capital Projects - Old Main Corridors	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	701,632
Capital Projects - Science Building Renovations	5,400,000	-	5,400,000	4,386,036
Capital Projects - Building Security Upgrades	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	1,635,918
Capital Projects - Lantz Water Infiltration	800,000	-	800,000	235,975

Capital Projects - Lantz Generator	300,000	-	300,000	74,565
Capital Projects - Plumbing Dead Ends	300,000	-	300,000	216,761
Entity	Current Authorized Amount	Increase (Decrease) Requested	Revised Authorized Amount	Current Fund Balance
Capital Projects - Lantz/O'Brien Repairs	1,150,000	-	1,150,000	619,130
Capital Projects - Booth Library Envelope	600,000	-	600,000	550,568
Capital Projects - Elevator Upgrade	600,000	-	600,000	398,958
Capital Projects - Campus Master Plan	150,000	(150,000)	-	5,000
Capital Projects - Water Main Replacement	50,000	-	50,000	(13,875)
Capital Projects - Stream System/Air Compressor	100,000	-	100,000	100,000
Capital Projects -Baseball Stadium Repairs	400,000	25,000	425,000	413,137
Capital Projects - Ninth Street Water Infiltration	100,000	-	100,000	100,000
Capital Projects - Steam Plant Repairs	100,000	-	100,000	55,084
Capital Projects - Building Automation System Upgrades	700,000	-	700,000	370,152
Capital Projects - Booth Library Exterior Door Repl.	250,000	-	250,000	203,558
Capital Projects - Ninth St. Window Replacement	100,000	-	100,000	99,549
Capital Projects - Campus Sidewalk Repairs	300,000	-	300,000	99,732
Capital Projects - Lantz Roof Repairs	50,000	-	50,000	
Capital Projects - Fiber Project	400,000	-	400,000	
Capital Projects - Utility Transformer*	-	2,500,000	2,500,000	
Capital Projects - Fire Alarm Panels*	-	300,000	300,000	

^{*} Authorization of these capital project reserves is being requested.

Action Item E. Non-Indentured and Indentured Reserves

Indentured Reserves

The following are reserves for areas covered by revenue bond resolutions. In order to retain working capital allowances and adequate funds for repair/replacement of equipment and/or relevant facilities as well as repayment of debt, the bond resolutions allow for the transfers to reserves. In accordance with provisions of the bond resolutions in effect, Board approval is requested to transfer amounts up to the following limits as follows:

Entity	Current Authorized Amount	Increase (Decrease) Requested	Revised Authorized Amount	Current Fund Balance
Housing - Repair & Replacement	3,000,000	-	3,000,000	2,414,934
Housing - Debt Service	430,000	-	430,000	20,031
Facilities - Repair & Replacement	2,700,000	-	2,700,000	872,081
Facilities - Debt Service	309,000	-	309,000	(5,421)
Textbook Rental Service - Repair & Replacement	1,600,000	-	1,600,000	744,264

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. President's Report: Intercollegiate Sports, Mr. Tom Michael

B. Earned Degrees Report

FY 2025 Degrees Awarded

[Board *Regulations* (III.B.1.b.) stipulate that an annual report on earned degrees awarded be provided by the Board.]

In FY 2025, Eastern awarded a total of 2,399 degrees:

1,132 Bachelor's degrees

371 Post-bachelor's certificates

881 Master's degrees

15 Specialist degrees

This compares to the **FY 2024** total of **2,372** degrees overall and **1,101** bachelor's degrees, and with a five-year average of **2,186** degrees overall and **1,102** bachelor's degrees.

Of the **1,132 bachelor's degrees**, the "top ten" Majors with the largest number recipients in FY 2025 were:

BA in Psychology (97)

BA in Interdisciplinary Studies (83)

BS in Biological Sciences (57)

BS in Nursing (55)

BSEd in Elementary Education (51)

BS in Organizational Development (43)

BS in Exercise Science (34)

BSB in Business Administration (33)

BA in Communication Studies (29)

BA in Criminology/Criminal Justice (29)

Of the **896 Master's and Specialist's degrees** awarded, the "top five" were:

MS in Technology (326)

MSEd in Curriculum/Instruction (49)

MSEd in Educational Leadership (48)

MA in English (42)

MA in Art (40)

MS in Biological Sciences (40)

In FY 2025, minority students received 408 degrees, or 17% of the total degrees conferred.

Eastern's **6-year graduation rate** for the Fall 2019 cohort (IPEDS/NCAA methodology) is 49%.

B. Earned Degrees Report

Summer and Fall, 2025 Enrollment Report

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY PROFILE

SUMMER ENROLLMENT DATA – Two-year comparison

CATEGORY	2024	2025
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Head Count	2,409	2,159
FTE	958	908
Full-Time	230	280
Part-Time	2,179	1,879
<u>Undergraduate</u>	1,246	1,156
<u>Graduate</u>	1,163	1,003
Gender		
Men	921	765
Women	1,488	1,394
Class Standing		
Freshmen	57	64
Sophomores	121	100
Juniors	235	269
Seniors*	833	723
Graduates*	1,163	1,003
National Origin		
National Origin	004	000
African American	281	280
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2	2
Asian	35	37
Hispanic	166	163
Middle Eastern or North African	0	2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander**	1	0
Two or more races**	48	50
White	1,485	1,396
Unknown	172	144
International	219	85

^{*}PB-UG included in Seniors and PB-GR included in Graduates

B. Earned Degrees Report

Summer and Fall, 2025 Enrollment Report (Cont.)

FALL ENROLLMENT DATA – Five year comparison

CATEGORY	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Head Count	8,608	8,857	8,804	8,505	8,107
FTE***	5,729	5,966	5,877	5,517	5,222
Full-Time	4,714	4,962	4,926	4,592	4,251
Part-Time	3,894	3,895	3,878	3,913	3,856
Undergraduate (includes HSDC)	6,903	6,916	6,849	6785	6,731
<u>Graduate</u>	1,705	1,941	1,955	1,720	1,376
Gender					
Men	3,445	3,721	3,824	3,624	3,330
Women	5,163	5,136	4,980	4,881	4,775
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<u>Undergraduate Transfers</u>	584	554	469	453	473
High School Dual Credit	2,278	2,325	2,447	2,595	2,673
Class Standing***					<u>, </u>
Freshmen	1,118	1,201	1,093	1,040	1,067
Sophomores	880	763	821	762	718
Juniors	1,113	1,105	1,004	1,012	990
Seniors*	1,514	1,522	1,484	1,376	1,283
Graduates*	1,705	1,941	1,955	1,720	1,376
National Origin					
African American	1,106	1,150	1,044	968	970
American Indian/Alaskan Native	10	12	11	55	13
Asian	300	295	313	319	334
Hispanic	1,161	1,191	1,251	742	1,286
Middle Eastern or North African**	0	0	0	0	5
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	7	6	6	4	8
Two or more races	184	190	169	155	146
White	5,054	4,900	4,782	5,151	4,606
Unknown	387	346	348	448	412
International	399	767	880	663	327

^{*}In Fall 2025, 26 Post-Baccalaureate students enrolled in a Second Bachelor's program were included with the Seniors, and 1 Post-Baccalaureate students enrolled in a teacher certification program were included with the Graduates. Prior to Fall 2008, all Post-Baccalaureate students were included with the Graduates.

^{**}In order to align with federal and state reporting, new category was added.

^{***} Does not include High School Dual Credit students

^{****} Starting Fall 2022, per recent IBHE guidelines HSDC FTE has been changed to follow the same logic as UG FTE. The new guidelines were applied to 2018-2021 to provide an accurate comparison.

C. Reports from Constituencies

Student Senate – Claire Weber

Faculty Senate – Todd Bruns

Staff Senate - None

D. Summary of Purchases \$100,000 - \$249,999 and Exempt Purchases

<u>Vendor</u>	Type of Purchase	<u>Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alliant Insurance Services Inc.	Property Insurance	(A)	\$790,929.00
Musco Corporation	Baseball Field Lighting	(B)	\$770,000.00
University of Illinois	Electronic Library Resources	(C)	\$350,000.00
Dell Marketing LP	Campus Computer Purchases	(D)	\$300,000.00
Marsh USA	ELL Insurance	(E)	\$214,190.00
CORE Construction	Thomas Hall Renovation Design	(F)	\$194,085.00
United Rentals North America	80 Ft. Articulating Lift	(G)	\$177,134.00
Mythics LLC	Electrician Services	(H)	\$170,779.76
Southern Bus & Mobility	2 Shuttle Buses	(I)	\$168,000.00
EAB Global	Student Retention Platform	(J)	\$168,000.00
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance	MRO Products	(K)	\$108,106.00
Laner Muchin LTD	Legal Services	(L)	\$100,000.00

- (A) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2101; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (B) IPHEC Contract #2402GAL; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (C) Intergovernmental Agreement
- (D) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2207; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (E) IPHEC Contract #INSUREFY18R; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (F) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC1708; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (G) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC1710; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
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- (J) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2222; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (K) IPHEC Contract #188GAL; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
- (L) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2009; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations

E. FY2026 Deposit and Investment Report

Eastern Illinois University Deposit and Investment Report For the Quarter Ending September 30, 2025

Operating Funds Investment Performance:

	Quarterly	Year to Date
Average Daily Cash Balance	\$ (2,759,038.38)	\$ (2,759,038.38)
Average Daily Invested Balance	97,199,755.25	97,199,755.25
Net Average Daily Balance	\$ 94,440,716.87	\$ 94,440,716.87
Total Interest Earned on Investments	\$ 1,079,819.58	\$ 1,079,819.58
Percentage of Net Average Daily Balance Invested	<u>102.92</u> %	<u>102.92</u> %
Annualized Average Yield	<u>4.41</u> %	<u>4.41</u> %
Benchmark - 90 Day Treasury Bil	<u>4.09</u> %	<u>4.09</u> %

Summary of Investments:

EIU invests primarily in the Illinois Funds. The Illinois Funds consist primarily of repurchase agreements, commercial paper and money market funds. EIU investments may also include U.S. Treasury Notes, Government Agencies (e.g., Federal Home Loan Bank, FNMA, etc), Money Market Funds, Depository Accounts and Commercial Paper. Earnings rates for the quarter ranged from 4.25% to 4.47%

University/Foundation/Alumni/Agency General Ledger Cash by Major Category:

Local Accounts/Athletics/Student Governed Funds/Reserves	\$ 22,994,820.52
Student Insurance Fund/Departmental Equipment Reserves	15,272,709.10
Alumni/Foundation Funds Held by the University	19,261,649.01
Construction Funds/Capital Projects	15,282,712.49
Income Fund Tuition	17,377,465.64
Gifts with Donor Restrictions for Departments	5,853,721.77
Housing/Student Life Operating Funds	5,216,820.20
Student Loan/Work Study Funds	839,874.24
Research and Grant Funds	(512,299.49)
Parking/Lounge Operating Funds	822,295.19
Funds Held for Clubs/Organizations	729,463.58
Scholarships Receivable	2,483,884.73
General Revenue Funds Due From the State of Illinois	 (6,557,591.51)
Total Cash Balance September 30, 2025	\$ 99,065,525.47

FY 2025 Income Producing Contracts

Contracts Valued at \$10,000 or more:

Quarter		<u>2024</u>	<u> 2025</u>
July – September	\$	695,230	\$857,330
October – December		893,231	1,834,133
January – March		578,077	247,112
April – June		419,079	315,039
	\$2	2,585,617	\$3,253,615

Camps and Conferences Valued at \$10,000 or More:

KEY:Name of Organization

Amount

Grantor/Contractor Term of Grant: 0/0/01 – 0/0/01 Director/Fiscal Agent **Purpose:**

1. Illini Boys State 2024

\$ 53,582

Illini Boys State – June 8-14, 2024 – Mark Hudson

Purpose: To Provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.

2. Illini Girls State 2024

48,085

Illini Girls State - June 16-22, 2024 - Mark Hudson

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.

3. UDA 13,549

Universal Dance Association – June 17-20, 2024 - Mark Hudson

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.

4. Johnson Flight Academy

16,072

Civil Air Patrol – Illinois – June 14-29, 2024 – Mark Hudson

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.

5. EIU Music Camp

66,255

EIU Music Department – July13-20, 2024 – Mark Hudson

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.

Camps and Conferences Valued at \$10,000 or More (continued)

6. Romeoville Band 23,239

Romeoville High School – July 28 – August 2, 2024 – Mark Hudson

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.

7. Smith Walbridge 2024

139,075

Smith Walbridge – July 7-26, 2024 – Mark Hudson

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.

8. Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute

62,798

Illinois Association for Behavioral Health – July 12-18, 2024 – *Mark Hudson*

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.

9. Monticello Band 18,152

Monticello High School - July 28 – August 2, 2024 - Mark Hudson

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.

10. IHSA Track Meets - Girls

81,000

Illinois High School Association – May 21-31, 2025 – Mark Hudson

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.

11. IHSA Track Meets - Boys

89,235

Illinois High School Association – May 21-31, 2025 – Mark Hudson

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.

12. Panther Camps (Running, Cheer, Basketball)

34,444

EIU Athletics – June 21-28, 2025 – Mark Hudson

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.

13. Golden Apple Scholars 2025

37,992

Golden Apple Scholars – June 1-21, 2024 – Mark Hudson

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.

Other Income-Producing Grants and Contracts Valued at \$10,000 or More:

14.	AT&T AT&T - July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 - <i>Jeff Owens</i> Purpose: Rental of campus Radio/TV tower for cellular transmission.	\$ 18,486
15.	T-Mobile T-Mobile – July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 – <i>Jeff Owens</i> Purpose: Rental of campus Radio/TV tower for cellular transmission	33,786
16.	Verizon Verizon – July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 – <i>Jeff Owens</i> Purpose: Rental of campus Radio/TV tower for cellular transmission	40,530
17.	EIU Housing & Dining EIU Housing & Dining - July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 - Thomas Michael Purpose: Corporate Advertising	30,000
18.	Licensing The Collegiate Licensing Co July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 – <i>Amber May</i> Purpose: Royalties received from any licensed Eastern Illinois University items. Funds are used for scholarships, athletics and to administer EIU licensing.	28,555
19.	University of Illinois University of Illinois – August 29, 2024 - Thomas Michael Purpose: Guarantee for Men's Football Game.	500,000
20.	University of Illinois University of Illinois – February 27, 2024 - Thomas Michael Purpose: Guarantee for Men's Basketball Game.	95,000
21.	Northwestern Northwestern – September 14, 2024 - Thomas Michael Purpose: Guarantee for Men's Football Game.	400,000
22.	Indiana University Indiana University – April 25 – 27, 2024 <i>- Thomas Michael</i> Purpose: Guarantee for Men's Basketball Game.	200,000
23.	University of Illinois University of Illinois – November 14, 2024 - Thomas <i>Michael</i> Purpose: Guarantee for Women's Basketball Game.	25,000
24.	University of Minnesota University of Minnesota – November 20, 2024 - Thomas Michael Purpose: Guarantee for Women's Basketball Game.	60,000

Other Income-Producing Grants and Contracts Valued at \$10,000 or More (Continued)

25. Iowa State 32,500

Iowa State – December 15, 2024 – *Thomas Michael* **Purpose:** Guarantee for Women's Basketball Game.

26. BDG Sports, Depaul, Valpo, NIU

20,000

BDG Sports, Depaul, Valpo, NIU – November 19 – 29, 2024 – *Thomas Michael* **Purpose:** Guarantee for Men's Basketball

27. Pepsi Mid-America

303,000

Pepsi Cola - July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 - Thomas Michael,

Mark Hudson, Anne Flaherty

Purpose: To provide a service to the students on campus.

28. Ace Sushi 16,420

Ace Sushi – July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025- Mark Hudson

Purpose: To provide a service to the students on campus

29. Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center

500,000

Sarah Bush – July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 – Thomas Michael

Purpose: Corporate Advertising.

30. Municipal Clerks of IL (MCI)

93,786

Municipal Clerks of Illinois Membership – Conference 10-06-2024 to 10-11-2024 *Aaron White, Laretta Henderson*

Purpose: Provide opportunities for continuous professional development and networking while building on its strengths and its individual members. Promotes efficiency and effectiveness

in the delivery of local government services.

31. Illinois Municipal Treasurers Institute (IMTI)

23,115

Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association Members – Conference 11/17/2024 – 11/21/2024 Aaron White, Laretta Henderson

Purpose: Assist Illinois treasurers, finance officers and accountants in developing and maintaining administrative expertise needed for successful operation of Illinois municipal government and in completing requirements for certification.

32. Academic Challenge Competition

91,892

Conference 2/1/2025 – 2/15/2025 (Regionals) 3/1/2025 – 3/15/2025 (Sectionals) 4/14/2025 – 4/17/2025

Purpose: A test-based competition offered to high school students in biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering graphics, English, mathematics and physics. The goal of the competition is to acquaint high school students with course content and the level of competition that they will experience upon entering a science or engineering curriculum at the university level.

Other Income-Producing Grants and Contracts Valued at \$10,000 or More (Continued)

33. Illinois Municipal League (IML) Online Pension Training

17,000

Illinois Municipal League – Aaron White, Laretta Henderson

Purpose: Pension Trustee Training Courses – a series of modules that are asynchronous online training that is paid for by the Illinois Municipal League

34. Country Catering

16,067

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 – Thomas Michael

Purpose: Concession sales from athletic events hosted by EIU

35. Army National Guard

10,000

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 – Thomas Michael

Purpose: Athletic Corp. Contract

36. McDonald's

15,000

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 – Thomas Michael

Purpose: Athletic Corp. Contract

Contracts valued at less than \$10,000:

	\$ 164,850	\$236,497
April – June	28,992	39,791
January – March	41,359	48,103
October – December	62,651	68,645
July – September	\$31,848	\$79,958
Quarter	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>

Research/Public Service Grants & Contracts Valued at \$10,000 or More

Quarter	Awards	Value
July – September	10	\$3,347,655
October – December	7	\$1,073,277
January – March	3	\$364,074
April - June	6	\$3,949,177

FIRST QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2025

1.	FY25 Prescription Monitoring Program Illinois Department of Human Services 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025 Chesnut, Robert/ Wolf, Amanda	\$1,620,676
2.	Purpose: Statewide implementation of the Prescription Monitoring Program Child Care Resource and Referral FY25 Illinois Department of Human Services 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	\$910,958
3.	Purpose: To assist families in accessing affordable, quality childcare, as well as promoting and supporting childcare providers' professional development to enhance quality childcare in our community. The Autism Center at Eastern Illinois University FY25 The Autism Project of Illinois (TAP) 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025	\$214,791
	Throneburg, Rebecca Purpose: EIU students and Community members with autism will receive evaluation and treatment services that will be partially funded by TAP.	
4.	Consultations and pre-professional education also provided. The Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act (MHEAC) FY25 Illinois Board of Higher Education 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025 <i>Davidson, Eric</i>	\$181,047
5.	Purpose: The MHEAC Act was created to address gaps in mental health services on college campuses across Illinois through training, peer support, and community-campus partnerships. Small Business Development Center (SBDC) – Calendar Year: 2024 IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity 1/1/2024 – 9/30/2024	\$165,717
	Chancey, Austin Purpose: Grant will help establish a small business development center in collaboration with Elevate of Mattoon, IL.	
	Research/Public Service Grants & Contracts Valued at \$10,000 or More Cont.	
6.	IDHS State and Regional Substance Abuse Prevention Services (SRSAPS) FY2025 Illinois Department of Human Services 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025	\$112,446

Davidson, Eric **Purpose:** Illinois Higher Education Center for AODV Prevention

statewide

Collegiate AOD prevention

7. Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Fellowship Program

\$65,500

Illinois Board of Higher Education 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025

Hendrickson, Ryan

Purpose: The program helps diversify faculty and professional staff at higher education institutions in Illinois, with a major emphasis on diversifying faculty.

8. Working for a Healthy Rural Illinois: Cooperative Work Study Grants Illinois Board of Higher Education 7/1/2024 – 8/31/2026 Parks, Suzie/Hillier, Nikki/Kattenbraker, Colleen/Kattenbraker, Mark Purpose: This work study grants competition would award undergraduate students paid internships

9. Evaluating Access: How a multi-institutional network promotes equity

\$22,021

and cultural change through expanding student voice

University of Colorado Boulder 2/1/2024 – 1/31/2027 Strausbaugh, Robert

Purpose: Access supports students from traditionally underrepresented groups in the physical sciences (e.g., women, people of color, people with disabilities, gender and sexual minorities, first generation college students, and people at the intersection of these categories).

10. Ellucian Foundation PATH Scholarship

\$10,000

Ellucian 8/1/2024 – 12/20/2024 Starwalt, Amanda/Parks, Suzie

Purpose: Provide students with critical funding they need to stay on track to meet their education goals.

G. FY25 Tuition Waivers

TABLE 1 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE TUITION AND FEE WAIVERS FISCAL YEAR

2025

A	В	С	D	E	F
		Tuition Waived		Fees Waived	
	(unduplicated)	(unduplicated)		(unduplicated)	
	Number of	Number of	Value of	Number of	Value of
(in thousands of dollars)	Recipients	Recipients	Waivers	Recipients	Waivers
MANDATORY WAIVERS					
Teacher Special Education	32	32	281.6	-	-
General Assembly	-	-	-	-	-
ROTC	52	52	420.4	-	-
DCFS	31	31	175.8	5	6.9
Children of Employees	97	97	398.0	-	-
Senior Citizens	-	-	-	-	-
Honorary Scholarships	-	-	-	-	-
Veterans Grants & Scholarships*	146	145	630.9	121	155.9
Other (please specify) **	-	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	356	355	\$ 1,906.7	126	\$ 162.8
DISCRETIONARY WAIVERS					
Faculty/Administrators	-	-	-	-	-
Civil Service	13	13	39.2	11	11.4
Academic/Other Talent	145	145	215.0	-	-
Athletic	143	143	943.0	-	-
Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Athleti	67	67	403.0	-	-
Foreign Exchange Students	-	-	-	-	-
Out-of-State Students	-	-	-	-	-
Foreign Students	37	37	67.8	-	-
Student Need-Financial Aid	12	12	30.0	-	-
Student Need-Special Programs	989	989	1,823.7	-	-
Cooperating Professionals	-	-	-	-	-
Research Assistants	-	-	-	-	-
Teaching Assistants	-	-	-	-	-
Other Assistants	-	-	-	-	-
Student Employment	-	-	-	-	-
Interinstitutional/Related Agencies	89	89	255.1	-	-
Retired University Employees	-	-	-	-	-
Children of Deceased Employees	4	4	36.7	4	14.9
Contract/Training Grants	-	-	-	-	-
All Other (please specify)***	-	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	1,384	1,384	\$ 3,813.5	15	\$ 26.3
TOTAL	1,702	1,701	\$ 5,720.2	141	\$ 189.1

^{*}Illinois Veterans Grants (ISAC), Illinois National Guard Grants (ISAC), and POW/MIA Scholarships (Department of Veterans Affairs). Include only the waived (unfunded) portion of these grants.

^{**}Other waiver categories must be approved by the Board of Higher Education prior to reporting.

G. FY25 Tuition Waivers Cont.

TABLE 2 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY GRADUATE TUITION AND FEE WAIVERS FISCAL YEAR 2025

Α	В	С	D	E	F
		Tuition	Waived	Fees Waived	
	(unduplicated)	(unduplicated)		(unduplicated)	
	Number of	Number of	Value of	Number of	Value of
(in thousands of dollars)	Recipients	Recipients	Waivers	Recipients	Waivers
MANDATORY WAIVERS					
Teacher Special Education	14	14	114.9	-	-
General Assembly	-	-	-	-	-
ROTC	-	-	-	-	-
DCFS	-	-	-	-	-
Children of Employees	-	-	-	-	-
Senior Citizens	3	3	19.0	-	-
Honorary Scholarships	-	-	-	-	-
Veterans Grants & Scholarships*	-	-	-	-	-
Other (please specify) **	-	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	17	17	\$ 133.9	-	\$ -
DISCRETIONARY WAIVERS					
Faculty/Administrators	24	24	40.5	24	15.8
Civil Service	34	34	103.4	35	33.4
Academic/Other Talent	-	-	-	-	-
Athletic	-	-	-	-	-
Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics	-	-	-	-	-
Foreign Exchange Students	-	-	-	-	-
Out-of-State Students	-	-	-	-	-
Foreign Students	35	35	42.6	-	-
Student Need-Financial Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Student Need-Special Programs	-	-	-	-	-
Cooperating Professionals	93	93	172.7	47	17.9
Research Assistants	60	60	644.3	-	-
Teaching Assistants	17	17	157.0	-	-
Other Assistants	284	284	2,968.3	-	-
Student Employment	-	-	-	-	-
Interinstitutional/Related Agencies	35	35	122.0	-	-
Retired University Employees	4	4	2.7	4	1.9
Children of Deceased Employees	-	-	-	-	-
Contract/Training Grants	_	-	_	-	_
All Other (please specify)***	-	-	-	-	_
SUBTOTAL	574	574	\$ 4,253.5	109	\$ 69.0
TOTAL	589	589	\$ 4,387.4	109	\$ 69.0

^{*}Illinois Veterans Grants (ISAC), Illinois National Guard Grants (ISAC), and POW/MIA Scholarships (Department of Veterans Affairs). Include only the waived (unfunded) portion of these grants.

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H. University Highlights (SUMMARY)

Prepared in advance of EIU's November 13, 2025 BOT meeting

From August 26, 2025 to October 30, 2025

These are summary highlights. A full list of news items is always available at castle.eiu.edu/media.

September 05, 2025 — Eastern Illinois University announces September 2025 public, student events

September 09, 2025 — EIU Board of Trustees meeting Thursday, September 11

September 11, 2025 — EIU Board of Trustees meeting results: September 11, 2025

September 11, 2025 — EIU alum Sienna Mark receives recognition, funding for achievements

September 11, 2025 — Student achievement & academic momentum define EIU enrollment

September 15, 2025 — Remembering Governor Edgar

September 17, 2025 — WEIU Students Named Finalists in National College Broadcasters Inc.

Awards

September 17, 2025 — Add EIU Events to Your Personal Calendar!

September 22, 2025 — EIU public events remaining in September

September 22, 2025 — EIU reminder: 2025 Homecoming Dates

September 30, 2025 — EIU rises in 2026 U.S. News & World Report rankings

October 01, 2025 — Doudna Fine Arts Center Announces Wind Symphony and Concert Band
Performance October 10

October 02, 2025 — 2025 EIU Awards Night honors alums, donors on Homecoming Weekend

October 02, 2025 — WEIU Students Named Finalists for Illinois Broadcasters Association Silver

Dome Awards

October 06, 2025 — Booth Library's 75th anniversary Rededication Ceremony October 10

October 09, 2025 — October 2025 at the Tarble

October 13, 2025 — Tribute statue at EIU honors beloved stray dog from 1945

October 13, 2025 — Beautiful Lives Project takes it to the court at EIU

October 15, 2025 — EIU's Greek life, RHA continue to enrich Coles County community

October 15, 2025 — The Tarble at EIU to feature work of Art + Design alumni beginning in November

October 16, 2025 — EIU earns 2025 Campus Prevention Network Seal of Prevention

October 20, 2025 — EIU, community partner events for week of October 20, 2025

October 22, 2025 — EIU's Freshman Connection program a model of success in higher ed

October 22, 2025 — Eastern Illinois University celebrates record career placement rates

October 22, 2025 — The Daily Eastern News wins 15 national awards

October 23, 2025 — EIU, community partner events for week of October 27, 2025

October 24, 2025 — EIU to Celebrate Grand Opening of First-Gen Hub November 7

October 27, 2025 — CASE CLOSED: EIU student's love of true crime solidifies career path

October 28, 2025 — WEIU's Kelly Goodwin Named a Silver Circle Honoree

October 28, 2025 — Klein and Dandy! EIU alum throws gem in World Series masterclass performance

October 28, 2025 — EIU's Robotic Dog Leads the Pack in STEM Innovation

H. University Highlights (Continued)

Snapshot of Positive Media Coverage (SUMMARY)

Prepared in advance of EIU's November 13, 2025 BOT meeting

From August 26, 2025 to October 30, 2025

A sample summary of positive or impactful news headlines* gathered from an online tool (headlines from within the above-stated date range):

- "Beautiful Lives Project" brings inclusion to the basketball court at Eastern Illinois University; WTHI-TV, Yahoo News
 - On Thursday [October 9], Beautiful Lives Project hosted a basketball camp for disabled people at Eastern Illinois University, and dozens joined on the court.
- Campus Rec Pickleball Courts Bringing Energy to Eastern Illinois University; Campus Rec Magazine
- Charleston's Madison Veatch begins term as EIU student trustee; JG-TC
- EIU enrollment numbers grow in some areas; WCIA, thexradio.com

The university welcomed its largest first-year domestic cohort in three years, with overall first-year domestic enrollment increasing by 4%. EIU also saw a 4% overall rise in new transfers and transfers from community colleges grew by 5%.

- EIU's Garza leading with more than just tackles; WCIA
 - "I have a bigger role outside of football, I'm learning that a lot right now. People need a leader, people need someone to love them."
- EIU's Klein Pitches In World Series Classic; various outlets
 In a game that felt like it might never end, former Eastern Illinois University ace Will Klein turned a
 World Series marathon into his personal masterpiece.
- EIU Rises in 2026 U.S. News & World Report Rankings; Effingham Radio
 The 2026 U.S. News & World Report (USNWR) rankings affirm Eastern Illinois University's (EIU)
 growing national reputation, showing significant progress in key areas like value, veteran
 support, and program quality.
- **EIU Welcomes Trio Village**; Effingham Radio Incorporating each of [the trio member's] talents, the special performance gives a fantastic preview of the album they will be releasing in the Spring of 2026.
- First-Gen Hub to be unveiled at EIU; WAND

 Eastern Illinois University will celebrate the grand opening of a new "First-Gen Hub" in November.
- Jon Gruden, Sean Payton make friendly bet on UD vs. EIU game; Dayton Daily News
- Photo Gallery: 2025 EIU Homecoming Parade; JG-TC
- Remembering Governor Edgar; MyRadioLink.com
 A proud member of the EIU Class of 1968, Governor Edgar's life and career are a testament to the power of education, integrity, and service.
- Tribute statue at EIU honors beloved stray dog from 1945; WCIA, Yahoo News Napoleon is the name of one pooch that is now forever immortalized at Eastern Illinois University.

H. University Highlights (Continued)

Snapshot of Positive Media Coverage (SUMMARY)

Prepared in advance of EIU's November 13, 2025 BOT meeting

*EIU receives a significant amount of media coverage on the success of its Athletics teams and the achievements of its student-athletes; those items are not wholly represented on the above list but are available at eiupanthers.com.

NOTE: In July 2025, EIU began using an updated news delivery system to enrich its media placements regionally and nationally. As a result, EIU is achieving more targeted regional/hometown placements for student-specific achievements that will not always appear on this list due to space limitations.

- I. Other Matters
- J. Public Comment

VI. Adjournment