


# Report to the Board of Trustees Meeting

November 12, 2026

## 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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# ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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**EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

AGENDA
November 12, 2026
Tarble Museum of Art
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 10, 2026, Board Meeting
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C. Honorary Degrees
    1. Ms. Kim Uphoff – Doctor of Public Service
    2. Mr. Harry Frost – Doctor of Science
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C. Reports from Constituencies
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I. University Highlights
J. Other Matters

**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:

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| 09:00 a.m. | Executive/Planning Committee & Enrollment Management |
| 10:00 a.m. | Finance/Audit Committee |
| 10:30 a.m. | Academic/Student Affairs Committee |
| 11:00 a.m. | University Advancement/Alumni Relations Committee |

Executive Session

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| 11:30 a.m. | Executive Session – Tarble Classroom |

Lunch

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| noon | Lunch – Tarble Classroom |

## III. REPORTS

### A. Report from the Board Chair – Julie Everett

### B. Committee Reports

**Executive/Planning Committee**
Julie Everett, Chair

**Finance/Audit Committee**
Timi Ngoboh, Chair

**Academic/Student Affairs Committee**
Chris Hicks, Chair

**University Advancement/Alumni Relations Committee**
Bernie Ranchero, Chair

**Enrollment Management Update**
Julie Everett, 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 10, 2026 Board Meeting**

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

**September 10, 2026**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened on September 10, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. on the Dvorak Stage of the Doudna Fine Arts Center at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois. Ms. Julie Everett, Chair, presided.

## Roll Call

Roll was called:

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| Ms. Baurer | Present |
| Mr. Hicks | Present |
| Ms. Madigan | Present |
| Mr. Ngoboh | Absent |
| Dr. Ranchero | Present |
| Mr. Slater | Present |
| Ms. Everett | Present |

Also present were:

Dr. Jay Gatrell, President
Dr. Holly Farley, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Anne Flaherty, Vice President for Student Affairs/Interim Vice President of Advancement
Mr. Matt Bierman, Vice President for Business Affairs
Mr. Mike Hutchinson, Director of Business Services/Treasurer & Interim FEO
Mr. Josh Norman, Vice President for Enrollment Management
Ms. Laura McLaughlin, General Counsel
Ms. Cindy Hutchison, Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees

## Executive Session

Mr. Slater moved that the Board of Trustees convene in Executive Session to consider employment of employees as permitted by Sections 2.c.1 of the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Madigan seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

**Action Item A. Approval of Minutes, September 10, 2026 Board Meeting**

Ms. Baurer moved to return to the Open Session. Dr. Ranchero seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried. Closed session ended at 12:01 p.m.

The Board of Trustees reconvened after lunch at 1:00 p.m. on the Dvorak stage in the Doudna Fine Arts Center for the remainder of the meeting.

## Report from Board Chair

Chair Everett called the meeting to order. She commended EIU's response to the June tornado and for partnership with Charleston Middle School to provide classroom space while repairs are being made at the school.

## Committee Reports

### Executive/Planning Committee

Ms. Everett reported on the Executive/Planning Committee.

President Jay Gatrell provided updates from Springfield and Washington. EIU expects to know sometime in October whether it will secure funding to support a project to install four charging stations on campus.

Mark Wilson, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, was introduced. He indicated that his primary focus will be academics for student athletes.

A revision to the Board Regulation concerning payouts to probationary employees upon separate from the University will be presented during the afternoon meeting.

A proposal for a single online graduate tuition rate is also being presented, with the expectation that it will increase enrollment and revenue from our international markets.

### Finance/Audit Committee

Ms. Everett reported on the Finance/Audit Committee.

Vice President Matt Bierman shared FY2026 ended with a deficit of $2.820 million on Ledger 1 (appropriated funds). The FY2027 budget and FY2028 budget projections will be presented for approval at today's meeting. The F2027 Ledger 1 (appropriated funds) budget projects a deficit of $3.115 million. None of these figures reflect the savings from the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program (VSIP).

EIU will request a 10% increase in state appropriations. Tuition income is estimated to decline 2.1% over FY2027, while expenses are projected to increase 1.1%.

**Action Item A. Approval of Minutes, September 10, 2026 Board Meeting**

An update on summer projects was provided. The new floor in the Rec Center was damaged by flooding caused from backed-up drains during the June tornados and will be replaced a second time. Insurance will cover all but the $100,000 deductible for the repairs.
Gardella Family Court has been painted, with new premium seating and video boards installed. The cooling tower in Lawson Hall has been replaced, as has the elevator in Old Main. Parking lot work outside of Buzzard Hall and University Court is complete. Utility tunnel work will pause from November through April. Bids for the Integrated Science Building are due September 23.

Mike Hutchinson provided an update on the line-item status report.

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee**
Mr. Hicks reported on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Vice President Holly Farley introduced Michael Gillespie, Dean of Student Success, who provided an overview of Student Success and the use of Navigate360. Navigate360 is designed to provide a variety of tools and support for students, faculty and staff.

Vice President Anne Flaherty provided project updates on the Thomas Hall renovation and Panther Commons. Thomas Hall is expected to be open to students in August 2027.

Panther Commons was created as a home for registered student organizations (RSO's) and the Office of Leadership and Engagement. Moves to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union occurred during summer 2026.

**University Advancement and Alumni Relations Committee**
Dr. Ranchero reported on the University Advancement and Alumni Relations Committee.

Vice President Anne Flaherty provided updates regarding the campaign consultants Gonser Gerber.

- Erin Phillips and Krista Bofill of Gonser Gerber visited campus on June 21-22. Krista Bofill will serve as the primary consultant and meet with Vice President Flaherty every six weeks to provide guidance on campaign priorities.

- EIU's three micro-campaigns will focus on Thomas Hall, the Integrated Science Building, and Pemberton Hall, all of which offer naming opportunities.

- FY2026 Annual Fund ended with 2,198 donors totaling $3,626,356 in gifts.

- Alumni Relations has numerous events planned, which can be found on the Alumni Relations website.

- The Academy of Lifelong Learning is offering a Virtual Viewpoint Series and opportunities to "Travel with EIU".

**Action Item A. Approval of Minutes, September 10, 2026 Board Meeting**

**Enrollment Management Update**

Ms. Everett shared the Enrollment Management update.

Vice President Josh Norman reported EIU's enrollment profile shows encouraging indicators of student quality and persistence despite broader demographic challenges. First-year retention increased 2%; 53% of incoming students are first-generation students; local enrollment within 60 miles grew 8%; and one in five first-year students earned a 4.0 GPA.

Academic programs experiencing strong growth include Business Administration (+31%), Construction Management (+33%), Special Education (+28%), and Nursing (+74% or +145 students).

Overall enrollment declines were concentrated in dual credit (-5%), largely due to state policy changes, and international students (-42%). EIU continues to serve students from 45 countries.

The University is also progressing well with academic restructuring. Student records updated, courses have been reassigned to new departments and colleges, and error-checking processes underway to ensure a smooth transition.

Strategic Enrollment Plan initiatives continue to advance. The new Majors/Minors database is on track for substantial completion by the end of October. A High School-to-College Transition Workshop was piloted at Shiloh High School during the week with plans for broader statewide engagement.

To strengthen recruitment and affordability, EIU is enhancing merit scholarships by lowering eligibility thresholds and increasing award amounts. Panther Promise eligibility is being expanded from families with adjusted gross incomes (AGIs) of $55,000-$100,000 to $60,000-$120,000. The Student Success and Engagement award is moving back to waiver funding to serve more students outside of Aim High Eligibility.

Together, these affordability and recruitment measures are designed to improve competitiveness and support enrollment growth for Fall 2027.

**Action Items**

**A.** Ms. Baurer moved to approve the minutes of June 11 Board Meeting and the June 12 Board Retreat. Dr. Ranchero seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

**B.** Ms. Madigan moved to approve the FY 2027 budget and the budget projection used in the Illinois Board of Higher Education submission for FY 2028. Mr. Slater seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

**C.** Dr. Ranchero moved to approve a single tuition rate for online graduate programs. Effective January 1, 2027, all online graduate programs will transition to a single tuition rate for both

domestic and international students, set equal to the current Illinois resident rate. Ms. Madigan seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

**D.** Ms. Madigan moved to approve Ratification of Charleston CUSD#1 Lease and Operating Agreement. Mr. Slater seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

**E.** Ms. Laura McLaughlin conducted the first reading of Board Regulation Sections II.B. and C. The proposed revision would bring EIU's vacation policy for terminated employees in line with the policies of other public universities in Illinois.

**F.** Ms. Baurer moved to approve the Non-Indentured and Indentured Reserves. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

**G.** 1. Mr. Slater moved to approve the personnel contract for M. Wilson, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, effective September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2031, with an initial annual salary of $190,000. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

2. Mr. Slater moved to approve the personnel contract extension for K. Paulson, Head Coach, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

**H.** Mr. Hicks moved to approve depositories in accordance with Board Regulation V.G.1. Ms. Madigan 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**
Student Senate: Updates were provided by Student Body President Mason Tegeler.

**Public Comment** – None

**Summary of Purchases $100,000 - $249,999 and Exempt Purchases**
The Summar of Purchases $100,000-$249,999 and Exempt Purchases was provided.

**Action Item A. Approval of Minutes, September 10, 2026 Board Meeting**

**FY2026 Deposit and Investment Reports**
For the year ending June 30, 2026, the University had an average daily invested cash balance of $105,487,109.27 and a net average daily balance of $103,567,299.21. The annualized average yield was 3.95%.

**University Highlights**
University Highlights were provided, including spotlight events around campus, students, faculty, staff, alumni honors, achievements, and athletic events and honors.

**Other Matters** – None

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

**Action Item B. Executive Session Minutes**

Section 2.06(d) of the Open Meetings Act requires that the Board of Trustees review the minutes of all executive sessions at least semi-annually to determine if (1) the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of those minutes or (2) that the minutes or portions thereof no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection.

**Action Item C. Honorary Degrees**

The University brings forward two recommendations from the faculty review committee to award honorary degrees to Ms. Kim Uphoff and Mr. Harry Frost.

**1. Kim Uphoff—Doctor of Public Service.** Kim Uphoff, a Coles County native, brings more than two decades of senior leadership experience to Sarah Bush Lincoln (SBL). Since becoming President and CEO in 2022, she has spearheaded the expansion of key service lines and capital investments, transforming both the Mattoon campus and facilities across SBL's regional footprint. Her dynamic leadership continues to drive local economic development while reinforcing SBL's deep commitment to East Central Illinois and Eastern Illinois University (EIU).

SBL and EIU have forged an exceptionally strong institutional partnership. In 2024, SBL launched a dedicated scholarship program for the Gail & Dick Lumpkin School of Nursing and provides EIU nursing students vital clinical placements across the region. That same year, SBL expanded its direct care on campus by partnering with the university to operate EIU's student medical clinic, improving healthcare access for the entire student body.

Beyond clinical operations, SBL supports Panther athletics and hosts the annual Races for All Paces event each June on campus. Ms. Uphoff also proved instrumental to the university community during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing technical and logistical support to protect EIU students, faculty, and staff. In 2024, she was appointed to the Illinois Health & Hospital Association Board of Trustees.

**2. Harry Frost—Doctor of Science.** Harry Frost, a 1960 graduate of Eastern Illinois University (EIU), enjoyed a distinguished 56-year career as an industrial chemist with Illinois Cereal Mills and the Cargill Corporation. Throughout his career, he spearheaded key research initiatives as Corporate Director of Corn Quality-Technology Research for Cargill, which honored his contributions by naming a research facility after him. Alongside his professional achievements, he actively served on various industry and civic organizations.

A dedicated civic leader, Mr. Frost has long supported community development priorities in Paris, Illinois, and across the broader region. His deep relationship with EIU spans decades. He received the EIU Distinguished Alumni Award in 2013 and was named EIU Philanthropist of the Year alongside his wife, Gladys, in 2017. Together, they have provided sustained philanthropic backing to EIU's Chemistry program as well as Intercollegiate Athletics. In recognition of their extensive contributions, EIU named its baseball facility Frost Field in 2025.

**It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the honorary degree for Ms. Kim Uphoff and Mr. Harry Frost.**

**Action Item D.1. Scoring and Pinspotter Upgrades at MLK Union Bowling Alley**

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| **Purchase Item:** | Scoring and Pinspotter Upgrades at MLK Union Bowling Alley |
| **Description / Explanation:** | The current lane pinsetter equipment in the Bowling Alley was purchased and installed in the late 1990's and has surpassed its expected equipment lifecycle. The Bowling Lanes are used daily during the academic semester for the KSR 2102 and KSR 1660 Bowling classes, weekly community and Faculty/Staff leagues, in addition to private reservations, RSO events, and weekend open bowl. Due to this high volume of usage, a decline in replacement part availability, and safety concerns for continuing to use outdated pinsetter equipment, a modernized long-term replacement solution is recommended. String Pinsetters are proven to reduce operational expenses, decrease maintenance labor, and be a safe alternative to traditional mechanical lane equipment. The not to exceed amount below includes a 10% contingency over the quoted cost. |
| **Cost:** | Not to Exceed $261,000.00. |
| **Recommended Vendor:** | Qubica AMF |
| **Summary of Bids:** | Sole Source EIUDLS2703 is being conducted in accordance with 30 ILCS 500 |
| **BEP Goals:** | N/A |
| **Fund Source:** | Union General Fund |

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

**Action Item D.2. Speaker Upgrades for Dvorak Concert Hall & Recital Hall**

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| **Purchase Item:** | Speaker Upgrades for Dvorak Concert Hall & Recital Hall |
| **Description / Explanation:** | The current speaker systems in Dvorak Concert and the Recital Halls are no longer serviceable and need upgrades. The purchase includes removal of old equipment and installation of new equipment as well as a one-year customer support plan for calls and onsite repairs as needed. The cost below is estimated. |
| **Cost:** | Not to Exceed $423,500.00 |
| **Recommended Vendor:** | TBD |
| **Summary of Bids:** | IFB EIUDLS2702 was conducted in accordance with 30 ILCS 500. This IFB was non-awarded due to the only bid received was deemed non-responsive due to administrative requirements. The IFB is being rebid under EIUDLS2705 is currently posted. |
| **BEP Goals:** | A BEP goal of 7% has been established. |
| **Fund Source:** | Doudna Programming Residual Fund |

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

**Action Item E. Second Reading and Approval of Board Regulation Sections II.B and C**

**IV.F.**

**Second Reading of revisions to the Board's Regulation Sections II.B.7.5 and 12 and Section C.1.4.**

**The following revision is brings EIU's vacation policy for terminated employees in line with other public universities across Illinois.**

**SECTION II – EMPLOYEES**

**Issued:** April 27, 1998: Revised November 12, 2026

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**B. FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES**

7. Employee Benefits

3.5.Vacation Time Upon Termination of Employment

1.(a) Upon termination of employment, and provided that the employee is not reemployed at the same place of employment within thirty (30) calendar days, an employee, or such employee's estate, shall be entitled to a lump sum payment for accrued vacation leave. ~~Vacation time earned by an employee while employed in a position supported at least fifty percent (50%) by grant or contract funds is not compensable upon termination of employment.~~

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~~12. **Alternative Benefits for Coaches**~~

~~The following provisions shall apply only to coaches, who for purposes of this subsection are defined as temporary administrative employees appointed for terms of not longer than twelve (12) months, and more than half of whose assignment is coaching intercollegiate athletics.~~

~~1. Notwithstanding any of the other benefits provisions of these Regulations, coaches may be given an appointment entitling them to the employee benefits described in Section II.A.9. and Section II.B.7. above, (subject to the requirements thereof concerning application and eligibility), but with the following exceptions:~~

~~1. Instead of the vacation leave described in Section II.B.7.a., coaches appointed hereunder shall be entitled to earn vacation leave at the rate of two (2) days per month during each month or major fraction thereof, of service in the pay status. Vacation leave may be accrued up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) days. An employee who accrued the~~

~~maximum will earn no further vacation leave until the employee's use of vacation leave reduces the accrued below the maximum. There shall be no lump sum payment or other benefit provided to such coaches for unused vacation leave at the end of their term of appointment.~~

2. ~~Instead of the sick leave described in Section II.B.7.c., coaches appointed hereunder shall be entitled to cumulative sick leave of one day per month of appointment (credited at the beginning of the appointment). There shall be no lump sum payment or other benefit provided to such coaches for unused sick leave at the end of their term of appointment.~~
3. ~~Vacation leave privileges shall be effective July 1, 2001.~~

**C. CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES**

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**7.2 Vacation Leave**

4. An employee who leaves the service of the University for any reason, provided that the employee is not reemployed within thirty (30) calendar days at the same place of employment, shall receive pay for vacation leave to the extent of any accrued balance as of the date of separation from service. Effective January 1, 2027, vacation leave will be payable to probationary employees upon termination. ~~will be available or payable for employees whose service is terminated prior to the completion of the probationary period.~~

**It is recommend that the Board approve these changes to its regulations as noted.**

**V. Information Items**

A. President's Report
   - Intercollegiate Athletics – Mr. Mark Wilson

B. Earned Degrees Report

C. Reports from Constituencies
   - Faculty Senate – Todd Bruns
   - Staff Senate – None
   - Student Senate – Mason Tegeler

D. Public Comment

**Information Item B: FY 2026 Earned Degrees Report**

## FY 2026 Degrees Awarded

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

In FY 2026, Eastern awarded a total of **1,726 degrees:**

**1,002** **Bachelor's** degrees
**73** **Post-bachelor's** certificates
**628** **Master's** degrees
**23** **Specialist** degrees

This compares to the **FY 2025** total of **2,399** degrees overall and **1,132** bachelor's degrees, and with a five-year average of **2,156** degrees overall and **1,089** bachelor's degrees.

Of the **1,002 bachelor's degrees**, the "top ten" Majors with the largest number recipients in FY 2026 were:

BA in Psychology (96)
BA in Interdisciplinary Studies (75)
BSEd in Elementary Education (50)
BS in Nursing (49)
BS in Exercise Science (44)
BS in Biological Sciences (42)
BS in Human Services (35)
BS in Organizational Development (34)
BS in Computer and Info Tech (32)
BSB in Business Administration (30)

Of the **651 Master's and Specialist's degrees** awarded, the "top five" were:

MS in Technology (95)
MSEd in Educational Leadership (50)
Master of Business Administration - MBA (41)
MA in Art (40)
MS in Biological Sciences (39)

In FY 2026, **minority students** received 356 degrees, or 21**%** of the total degrees conferred.

Eastern's **6-year graduation rate** for the Fall 2020 cohort (IPEDS/NCAA methodology) is 50%.

**Information Item B: FY 2026 Earned Degrees Report**

**Summer and Fall, 2026 Enrollment Report**

**EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**
**STUDENT BODY PROFILE**

SUMMER ENROLLMENT DATA – Two-year comparison

| CATEGORY | 2025 | 2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **Head Count** | **2,159** | **2,146** |
| **FTE** | **908** | **917** |
| Full-Time | 280 | 282 |
| Part-Time | 1,879 | 1,864 |
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| **Undergraduate** | 1,156 | 1,175 |
| **Graduate** | 1,003 | 971 |
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| **Gender** | | |
| Men | 765 | 745 |
| Women | 1,394 | 1,401 |
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| **Class Standing** | | |
| Freshmen | 64 | 55 |
| Sophomores | 100 | 118 |
| Juniors | 269 | 251 |
| Seniors* | 723 | 751 |
| Graduates* | 1,003 | 971 |
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| **National Origin** | | |
| African American | 280 | 302 |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | 2 | 2 |
| Asian | 37 | 40 |
| Hispanic | 163 | 192 |
| Middle Eastern or North African | 2 | 3 |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander** | 0 | 2 |
| Two or more races** | 50 | 69 |
| White | 1,396 | 1,316 |
| Unknown | 144 | 154 |
| International | 85 | 66 |

*PB-UG included in Seniors and PB-GR included in Graduates

**Information Item B: FY 2026 Earned Degrees Report**

**Summer and Fall, 2026 Enrollment Report (Cont.)**

FALL ENROLLMENT DATA – Five-year comparison

| CATEGORY | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Head Count** | **8,857** | **8,804** | **8,505** | **8,107** | **7,651** |
| **FTE** | **5,966** | **5,877** | **5,517** | **5,222** | **5,006** |
| Full-Time | 4,962 | 4,926 | 4,592 | 4,251 | 4,097 |
| Part-Time | 3,895 | 3,878 | 3,913 | 3,856 | 3,554 |
| **Undergraduate (includes HSDC)** | 6,916 | 6,849 | 6785 | 6,731 | 6,466 |
| **Graduate** | 1,941 | 1,955 | 1,720 | 1,376 | 1,185 |
| **Gender** | | | | | |
| Men | 3,721 | 3,824 | 3,624 | 3,330 | 3,052 |
| Women | 5,136 | 4,980 | 4,881 | 4,775 | 4,598 |
| Another Gender | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| **Undergraduate Transfers** | 554 | 469 | 453 | 473 | 426 |
| **High School Dual Credit** | 2,325 | 2,447 | 2,595 | 2,673 | 2,491 |
| **Class Standing**** | | | | | |
| Freshmen | 1,201 | 1,093 | 1,040 | 1,067 | 1,027 |
| Sophomores | 763 | 821 | 762 | 718 | 721 |
| Juniors | 1,105 | 1,004 | 1,012 | 990 | 894 |
| Seniors* | 1,522 | 1,484 | 1,376 | 1,283 | 1,333 |
| Graduates* | 1,941 | 1,955 | 1,720 | 1,376 | 1,185 |
| **National Origin** | | | | | |
| African American | 1,150 | 1,044 | 968 | 970 | 911 |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | 12 | 11 | 55 | 13 | 15 |
| Asian | 295 | 313 | 319 | 334 | 304 |
| Hispanic | 1,191 | 1,251 | 742 | 1,286 | 1,288 |
| Middle Eastern or North African | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 7 |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 6 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| Two or more races | 190 | 169 | 155 | 146 | 161 |
| White | 4,900 | 4,782 | 5,151 | 4,606 | 4,359 |
| Unknown | 346 | 348 | 448 | 412 | 415 |
| International | 767 | 880 | 663 | 327 | 185 |

*In Fall 2026, 37 Post-Baccalaureate students enrolled in a Second Bachelor's program were included with the Seniors, and 2 Post-Baccalaureate students enrolled in a teacher certification program were included with the Graduates. ** Does not include High School Dual Credit students

**Information Item E. Summary of Purchases $100,000 - $249,999 and Exempt Purchases**

| Vendor | Type of Purchase | Bids | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| Missouri Floor Company | Rec Center Floor Repair | (A) | $459,000.00 |
| Presidio Networked Solutions | Network Core & Distribution Upgrade | (B) | $390,890.58 |
| Ohio Valley Conference | Arbiter Fees for FY27 | (C) | $328,719.45 |
| Dell Marketing LP | Campus Dell Computers | (D) | $250,000.00 |
| Presidio Networked Solutions | Firewall Replacement | (E) | $235,726.49 |
| Marsh USA LLC | ELL Insurance/Other Liability Insurance | (F) | $232,132.00 |
| Kone Inc. | Thomas Hall Elevator Modernization | (G) | $222,622.40 |
| Teamworks | Athletics scheduling and compliance | (H) | $117,500.00 |
| W.W. Grainger | Cleaning supplies and paper | (I) | $114,836.00 |

(A) IPHEC Contract #2307GAL; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
(B) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2011; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
(C) Exempt per Procurement Code.
(D) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2207; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
(E) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC2011; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
(F) IPHEC Contract #INSUREFY18; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
(G) IPHEC Contract #RM071017; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations
(H) EIU Sole Source EIUMJT2506
(I) IPHEC Contract #IPHEC1921; Exempt per VB1d of Board Regulations

## Information Item F. Deposit and Investment Report

**Eastern Illinois University**
**Deposit and Investment Report**
**For the Quarter Ending September 30, 2026**

**Operating Funds Investment Performance:**

| | Quarterly | Year to Date |
|---|---|---|
| Average Daily Cash Balance | $ (2,491,900.50) | $ (2,491,900.50) |
| Average Daily Invested Balance | 97,296,315.62 | 97,296,315.62 |
| Net Average Daily Balance | $ 94,804,415.12 | $ 94,804,415.12 |
| Total Interest Earned on Investments | $ 929,871.15 | $ 929,871.15 |
| Percentage of Net Average Daily Balance Invested | 102.63% | 102.63% |
| Annualized Average Yield | 3.79% | 3.79% |
| Benchmark - 90 Day Treasury Bil | 3.82% | 3.82% |

**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 3.75% to 3.98%

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

| | |
|---|---|
| Local Accounts/Athletics/Student Governed Funds/Reserves | $ 23,173,371.45 |
| Student Insurance Fund/Departmental Equipment Reserves | 15,946,930.20 |
| Alumni/Foundation Funds Held by the University | 21,028,644.25 |
| Construction Funds/Capital Projects | 16,957,128.43 |
| Income Fund Tuition | 13,402,023.69 |
| Gifts with Donor Restrictions for Departments | 5,791,922.87 |
| Housing/Student Life Operating Funds | 4,556,180.88 |
| Student Loan/Work Study Funds | 795,103.86 |
| Research and Grant Funds | (119,980.93) |
| Parking/Lounge Operating Funds | 927,279.24 |
| Funds Held for Clubs/Organizations | 853,883.45 |
| Scholarships Receivable | (1,987,280.77) |
| General Revenue Funds Due From the State of Illinois | (1,350,993.39) |
| License Plate Scholarship Fund | (1,500.00) |
| Total Cash Balance September 30, 2026 | $ 99,972,713.23 |

## Information Item G. FY26 Income Producing Grants and Contracts

**FY 2026 Income Producing Contracts**

**Contracts Valued at $10,000 or more:**

| Quarter | 2025 | 2026 |
|---|---|---|
| July – September | $857,330 | $426,965 |
| October – December | 1,834,133 | 516,878 |
| January – March | 247,112 | 669,794 |
| April – June | 315,039 | 446,706 |
| | $3,253,615 | $2,060,342 |

**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 2025** **$48,157**
   Illini Boys State – June 5-13, 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.

2. **Illini Girls State 2025** **$53,184**
   Illini Girls State - June 16-21, 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.

3. **Romeoville Band** **$24,874**
   Romeoville High School – July 27 – August 1, 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.

4. **Smith Walbridge 2025** **$152,519**
   Smith Walbridge – July 6-25, 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.

5. **Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute** **$67,287**
   Illinois Association for Behavioral Health – July 11-17, 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.

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

**6. Monticello Band** **$15,815**
Monticello High School - August 3-8, 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.

**7. IHSA Track Meets – Girls** **$84,285**
Illinois High School Association – May 20-23, 2026 – *Jeremy Alexander*
**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. IHSA Track Meets – Boys** **$101,995**
Illinois High School Association – May 27-30, 2026 – *Jeremy Alexander*
**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. Panther Camps (Running, Cheer, Basketball)** **$32,162**
EIU Athletics – June 23-27, 2026 – *Jeremy Alexander*
**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. AT&T** **$18,486**
AT&T - July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 - *Jeff Owens*
**Purpose:** Rental of campus Radio/TV tower for cellular transmission.

**11. T-Mobile** **$45,015**
T-Mobile – July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 – *Jeff Owens*
**Purpose:** Rental of campus Radio/TV tower for cellular transmission

**12. Verizon** **$39,231**
Verizon – July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 – *Jeff Owens*
**Purpose:** Rental of campus Radio/TV tower for cellular transmission

**13. EIU Housing & Dining** **$30,000**
EIU Housing & Dining - July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 - *Thomas Michael*
**Purpose**: Corporate Advertising

**14. Licensing** **$41,765**
The Collegiate Licensing Co. - July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 – *Amber May*
**Purpose:** Royalties received from any licensed Eastern Illinois University items. Funds are used for scholarships, athletics and to administer EIU licensing.

**15. University of Alabama** **$560,000**
University of Alabama – November 22, 2025 - *Thomas Michael*
**Purpose:** Guarantee for Men's Football Game

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **16.** | **Purdue University**<br>Purdue University – November 28, 2025 - *Thomas Michael*<br>**Purpose:** Guarantee for Men's Basketball Game. | **$90,000** |
| **17.** | **Michigan State**<br>Michigan State – November 20, 2025 - *Thomas Michael*<br>**Purpose:** Guarantee for Women's Basketball Game. | **$25,000** |
| **18.** | **Butler**<br>Butler University – December 14, 2025 - *Thomas Michael*<br>**Purpose:** Guarantee for Women's Basketball Game. | **$20,000** |
| **19.** | **Notre Dame**<br>Notre Dame – November 11, 2025 - *Thomas Michael*<br>**Purpose:** Guarantee for Men's Basketball Game. | **$92,500** |
| **20.** | **Iowa State**<br>Iowa State – December 14, 2025 –<br>*Thomas Michael*<br>**Purpose:** Guarantee for Men's Basketball Game. | **$115,000** |
| **21.** | **BDG Sports, Depaul, Valpo, NIU**<br>BDG Sports, Depaul, Valpo, NIU – November 4-7, 2025 – *Thomas Michael*<br>**Purpose:** Guarantee for Men's Basketball | **$12,500** |
| **22.** | **Pepsi Mid-America**<br>Pepsi Cola - July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 - *Thomas Michael, Mark Hudson, Anne Flaherty*<br>**Purpose:** To provide a service to the students on campus. | **$303,000** |
| **23.** | **Illinois Realtors Association**<br>Realtors – FY 2026 – *Shannon Bell*<br>**Purpose:** Provide basic and continuing education for realtors in partnership with EIU Information Technology Services (ITS) and EIU Center for Academic Technology And Support (CATS) | **$32,570** |
| **24.** | **McDonald's**<br>McDonald's July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 – *Thomas Michael*<br>**Purpose:** Athletic Corp. Contract | **$10,000** |
| **25.** | **Kirchners**<br>Kirchners July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 – *Thomas Michael*<br>**Purpose:** Athletic Corp. Contract | **$10,000** |
| **26.** | **U.S. Bank**<br>U.S. Bank July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 – *Thomas Michael*<br>**Purpose:** Athletic Corp. Contract | **$10,000** |

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

**27. EIU Alumni Assoc.** **$25,000**
EIU Alumni Assoc. July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 – *Thomas Michael*
**Purpose:** Athletic Corp. Contract

**Contracts valued at less than $10,000:**

| **Quarter** | **2025** | **2026** |
|---|---|---|
| July – September | $79,958 | $54,663 |
| October – December | 68,645 | 57,178 |
| January – March | 48,103 | 46,534 |
| April – June | 39,791 | 46,961 |
| | **$ 236,497** | **$ 205,336** |

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

| Quarter | Awards | Value |
|---|---|---|
| July – September | 7 | $2,129,390 |
| October – December | 5 | $513,376 |
| January – March | 4 | $279,010 |
| April - June | 7 | $3,813,659 |

### FIRST QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2026

**1. Child Care Resource and Referral FY26** **$ 910,339**
Illinois Department of Human Services 01-Jul-25- 30-Jun-26
*Edwards, Misty*
**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.

**2. The Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act (MHEAC) FY26** **$416,667**
Illinois Board of Higher Education 01-Jul-25- 30-Jun-26
*Davidson, Eric*
**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.

**3. TRIO: Student Support Services Program FY2026** **$282,123**
Department of Education 01-Sep-25 - 31-Aug-26
*Burkhead, Maggie*
**Purpose:** Grant funds will be used to help increase the retention and graduation rates of first generation, low income and/or students with disabilities.

**4. The Autism Center at Eastern Illinois University FY26** **$214,791**
The Autism Project of Illinois (TAP) 01-Jul-25 - 30-Jun-26
*Throneburg, Rebecca*
**Purpose:** EIU students and Community members with autism will receive evaluation and treatment services that will be partially funded by TAP. Consultations and pre-professional education also provide

**5. Small Business Development Center (SBDC) FY25** **$144,200**
IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity 0l-Jan-25- 3 l-Dec-25
*Cheney, Austin*
**Purpose:** The grant will support the operation and management of a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to coordinate resources that assist small businesses. While actual cash match and in-kind contributions may exceed the required amount, only the specified cash match limits can be claimed toward the project.

6. **Trap behavior and pathogens of bobcats in East Central Illinois** **$111,270**
Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) 01-Aug-25 - 3 l-Jul-27
*Peterson, Elizabeth I Zieman, Elliott*
**Purpose:** Study to examine trap behavior and pathogens of bobcats in east central Illinois.

7. **Working for a Healthy Rural Illinois: Co-op Work Study Grants FY26** **$50,000**
Illinois Board of Higher Education 25-Jul-25 - 3 l-Aug-26
*Park, Suzie I Hillier, Nikki I Bowers, Jill I Harper, Julie*
**Purpose:** The Illinois Cooperative Work Study Grant competition would award undergraduate students paid internships.

**SECOND QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2026**

1. **EIU Grow Your Own Teacher Shortage Program for Rural and Small Urban Districts FY26** **$253,376**
*Grow Your Own Illinois* 01-Jun-25 - 31-May-26
*Smith, Cecil*
**Purpose:** The purpose of this grant money is to support the efforts of EIU to address the teacher shortage in our area. The project provides both financial support and a support system to assist in completing the program.

2. **ESHI FY26: End Student Housing Insecurity at EIU** **$200,000**
Illinois Board of Higher Education 01-Oct-25 - 30-Jun-26
*Park, Suzie/Blue, John/Flaherty, Anne/Gatrell, Jay*
**Purpose:** Provide housing and other emergency support to needy students.

3. **Assessment of Invasive Carp Reproduction in IL Waterways 25- 26** **$40,000**
*University of Illinois* 01-Mar-25- 30-Jun-26
*Effert-Fanta, Eden I Colombo, Robert*
**Purpose:** Assessment of invasive carp reproduction in Illinois waterways and evaluation of monitoring and control methods for enhancing management.

4. **Allstate Foundation College Service Grant** **$10,000**
Allstate Foundation College Service Grant 01-Jul-25 - 15-May-26
*Brown, Crystal*
**Purpose:** Grant will support increased service experiences and enhance the depth of impact with these programs for our students.

5. **Nurse Educator Fellowship Program** **$10,000**
Illinois Board of Higher Education 01-Jul-25 - 30-Jun-26
*Kirkley, Andrew*
**Purpose:** The purpose of the Nurse Educator Fellowship Program is to ensure the retention of well-qualified nursing educators in Illinois by providing salary supplements. The program is designed to reward and retain well-qualified nursing educators who prepare students for a career as a registered professional nurse.

**THIRD QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2026**

**1. Small Business Development Center (SBDC) FY26** **$164,885**
IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity 0l-Jan-26- 31-Dec-26
*Cheney, Austin*
**Purpose:** The grant will support the operation and management of a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to coordinate resources that assist small businesses. While actual ca h match and in-kind contributions may exceed the required amount, only the specified cash match limits can be claimed toward the project.

**2. Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Fellowship Program FY26** **$57,500**
Illinois Board of Higher Education 26-Mar-26 - 30-Jun-26
*Blue, John*
**Purpose:** The program helps diversify faculty and professional staff at higher education institutions in Illinois, with a major emphasis on diversifying faculty.

**3. Fiscal Year FY26 Operating Grant (PRTV)** **$46,625**
Illinois Arts Council 01-Mar-26 - 31-Aug-26 *Owens, Jeffrey*
**Purpose:** These funds assist WEIU and our emphasis on local tv programing.

**4. Nurse Educator Fellowship Program** **$10,000**
Illinois Board of Higher Education 01-Jul-25 - 30-Jun-26
*Clapp, Richard*
**Purpose:** The purpose of the Nurse Educator Fellowship Program is to ensure the retention of well-qualified nursing educators in Illinois by providing salary supplements. The program is designed to reward and retain well-qualified nursing educators who prepare students for a career as a registered professional nurse.

**FOURTH QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2026**

**1. AIM HIGH Grant Agreement** $1,801,000
Illinois Student Assistance Commission 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027
*Norman, Josh*
**Purpose:** The AIM HIGH Grant is a merit-based, renewable financial aid program funded by the State of Illinois to encourage high-achieving Illinois students to attend and remain at in-state public universities. Grants help reduce the financial burden for middle-income families and support student retention and degree completion.

**2. Prescription Monitoring Program** $1,709,500
Illinois Department of Human Services 7/1/2026 – 06/30/2027
*Wolf, Amanda*
**Purpose:** Statewide implementation of the Prescription Monitoring Program

**3.** **IDHS State and Regional Substance Abuse Prevention Services (SRSAPS) FY2027** $130,059
Illinois Department of Human Services 7/1/2026 -6/30/2027
*Davidson, Eric*
**Purpose:** Illinois Higher Education Center for AODV Prevention-statewide collegiate AOD prevention

**4.** **CAFWS182C** - **Evaluating reproduction and recruitment of invasive carps in the Wabash River** $88,000
Illinois Department of Natural Resources 4/1/2026 - 6/30/2027
*Colombo, Rob I Effert-Fanta, Eden*
**Purpose:** Evaluate spatial and temporal trends in reproduction of invasive carps in the Wabash River and its tributaries using early life stage sampling, in a targeted approach.

**5.** **CAFWS182B** - **Invasive carp movement behavior, habitat use, and population dynamics in the Wabash River** $17,600
Southern Illinois University - Carbondale 9/1/2025 - 9/30/2026
*Colombo, Robert I Roth, Dan*
**Purpose:** Investigation of Habitat Selection and Fine Scale Movement Patterns of invasive Carps to Guide Management and Control Efforts.

**6.** **Allstate Foundation College Service Grant 2026-2027** $10,000
Allstate Foundation College Service Grant 7/1/2026- 5/15/2027
*Brown, Crystal*
**Purpose:** Grant will support increased service experiences and the depth of impact with these programs for our students.

**7.** **Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Fellowship Program FY26** $57,500
Illinois Board of Higher Education 3/26/2026 - 6/30/2026
*Blue, John*
**Purpose:** The program helps diversify faculty and professional staff at higher education institutions in Illinois, with a major emphasis on diversifying faculty.

**Research/Public Service Grants & Contracts Valued at Less Than $10,000**

| Quarter | Awards | Value |
|---|---|---|
| July- September | 2 | $4,000.00 |
| October - December | 3 | $8,500.00 |
| January - March | 2 | $1,800.00 |
| April - June | 2 | $2,000.00 |

## Information Item H. FY26 Tuition and Fee Waivers

**EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**
**UNDERGRADUATE TUITION AND FEE WAIVERS**
**FISCAL YEAR**
**2026**

| (in thousands of dollars) | Unduplicated Number of Recipients** | Tuition Waived | | Fees Waived | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Recipients | Value of Waivers | Number of Recipients | Value of Waivers | Value of Waivers |
| **MANDATORY WAIVERS** | | | | | | |
| Teacher Special Education | 21 | 21 | 197.5 | | | 197.5 |
| General Assembly | | | | | | - |
| ROTC | 43 | 43 | 339.2 | | | 339.2 |
| DCFS | 41 | 41 | 244.5 | 4 | 7.5 | 252.0 |
| Children of Employees | 98 | 98 | 420.4 | | | 420.4 |
| Senior Citizens | | | | | | - |
| Honorary Scholarships | | | | | | - |
| Veterans Grants & Scholarships* | 146 | 146 | 936.9 | 135 | 176.2 | 1,113.1 |
| Other (please specify) ** | | | | | | - |
| **Unduplicated Mandatory Waiver Total*** ** | 347 | 347 | $ 2,138.5 | 139 | $ 183.7 | $ 2,322.2 |
| **DISCRETIONARY WAIVERS** | | | | | | |
| Faculty/Administrators | | | | | | - |
| Civil Service | 18 | 18 | 52.3 | 17 | 17.0 | 69.3 |
| Academic/Other Talent | 155 | 155 | 205.8 | | | 205.8 |
| Athletic | 165 | 165 | 1,066.6 | | | 1,066.6 |
| Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics | 57 | 57 | 337.3 | | | 337.3 |
| Foreign Exchange Students | 1 | 1 | 5.6 | 1 | 1.8 | 7.4 |
| Out-of-State Students | | | | | | - |
| Foreign Students | 28 | 28 | 27.3 | | | 27.3 |
| Student Need-Financial Aid | 11 | 11 | 22.5 | | | 22.5 |
| Student Need-Special Programs | 1,058 | 1,058 | 1,837.1 | | | 1,837.1 |
| Cooperating Professionals | | | | | | - |
| Research Assistants | | | | | | - |
| Teaching Assistants | | | | | | - |
| Other Assistants | | | | | | - |
| Student Employment | | | | | | - |
| Interinstitutional/Related Agencies | 83 | 83 | 280.0 | | | 280.0 |
| Retired University Employees | | | | | | - |
| Children of Deceased Employees | 4 | 4 | 37.2 | 4 | 17.1 | 54.3 |
| Contract/Training Grants | | | | | | - |
| All Other (please specify)** | | | | | | - |
| **Unduplicated Discretionary Waiver Total*** ** | 1,426 | 1,426 | $ 3,871.7 | 22 | $ 35.9 | $ 3,907.6 |
| **UNDUPLICATED GRAND TOTAL*** ** | 1,721 | 1,721 | $ 6,010.2 | 161 | $ 219.6 | $ 6,229.8 |

*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.

***While the total value of waivers should be summed up as normal, each recipient is counted only once in the unduplicated totals (green cells), even if they benefited from multiple waivers during the academic year. Please manually enter the total number of unique recipents for all green highlighted cells.

## Information Item H. FY26 Tuition and Fee Waivers Cont.

**EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**
**GRADUATE TUITION AND FEE WAIVERS**
**FISCAL YEAR**
**2026**

| (in thousands of dollars) | Unduplicated Number of Recipients** | Tuition Waived | | Fees Waived | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Number of Recipients | Value of Waivers | Number of Recipients | Value of Waivers | Value of Waivers |
| **MANDATORY WAIVERS** | | | | | | |
| Teacher Special Education | 21 | 21 | 122.3 | | | 122.3 |
| General Assembly | | | | | | - |
| ROTC | | | | | | - |
| DCFS | | | | | | - |
| Children of Employees | | | | | | - |
| Senior Citizens | 1 | 1 | 3.4 | | | 3.4 |
| Honorary Scholarships | | | | | | - |
| Veterans Grants & Scholarships* | | | | | | - |
| Other (please specify) ** | | | | | | - |
| **Unduplicated Mandatory Waiver Total*** ** | 22 | 22 | $ 125.7 | - | $ - | $ 125.7 |
| **DISCRETIONARY WAIVERS** | | | | | | |
| Faculty/Administrators | 24 | 24 | 53.8 | 24 | 13.6 | 67.4 |
| Civil Service | 36 | 36 | 120.2 | 35 | 36.2 | 156.4 |
| Academic/Other Talent | | | | | | - |
| Athletic | | | | | | - |
| Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics | | | | | | - |
| Foreign Exchange Students | | | | | | - |
| Out-of-State Students | | | | | | - |
| Foreign Students | 21 | 21 | 24.2 | | | 24.2 |
| Student Need-Financial Aid | | | | | | - |
| Student Need-Special Programs | | | | | | - |
| Cooperating Professionals | 77 | 77 | 126.8 | 41 | 13.4 | 140.2 |
| Research Assistants | 58 | 58 | 603.2 | | | 603.2 |
| Teaching Assistants | 19 | 19 | 182.4 | | | 182.4 |
| Other Assistants | 265 | 265 | 2,821.4 | | | 2,821.4 |
| Student Employment | | | | | | - |
| Interinstitutional/Related Agencies | 41 | 41 | 144.0 | | | 144.0 |
| Retired University Employees | 6 | 6 | 6.3 | 6 | 1.6 | 7.9 |
| Children of Deceased Employees | | | | | | - |
| Contract/Training Grants | | | | | | - |
| All Other (please specify)** | | | | | | - |
| **nduplicated Discretionary Waiver Total*** ** | 525 | 525 | $ 4,082.3 | 106 | $ 64.8 | $ 4,147.1 |
| **UNDUPLICATED GRAND TOTAL*** ** | 544 | 544 | $ 4,208.0 | 106 | $ 64.8 | $ 4,272.8 |

*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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**Information Item I. University Highlights (SUMMARY)**

***Prepared in advance of EIU's November 12, 2026 BOT meeting***

**From August 27 to October 29, 2026**

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

**8/31/2026** -EIU Alumni Association announces fall events, invites Panthers to reconnect and stay engaged
-EIU encourages adults with some college credit to consider finishing what they started

**9/03/2026** -EIU's Tarble Museum of Art announces fall exhibition schedule
-EIU, community partner events: September 4 through 13, 2026

**9/04/2026** -EIU to commemorate 25th anniversary of 9/11 with campus flag display and remembrance

**9/09/2026** -EIU, community partner events: September 9 through September 19, 2026
-Student success, increased regional demand highlight EIU fall 2026 enrollment

**9/14/2026** -EIU's Olivia Bennett Earns Walter Cronkite Scholarship
-Alpha Sigma Tau Chapter at Eastern Illinois University Honored with Two National Awards
-Alpha Sigma Alpha invites EIU alumnae to join in 125th anniversary celebration in November
-EIU's Mona Davenport earns AFA Sue Kraft Fussell Distinguished Service Award
-Event Updates and News for EIU Alumni and Friends -- September 2026

**9/16/2026** -Rhoades' return to college opens new possibilities for Fall 2027 EIU Panther
-EIU, community partner events: September 17 through 27, 2026
-Update from Athletics (9/15/26)

**9/21/2026** -EIU's Doudna Fine Arts Center Announces Captivating Lineup of October 2026 Performances
-Nathan Catt appointed to EIU Board of Trustees
-Student entrepreneurs to showcase businesses at EIU Small Business Fest October 10

**9/22/2026** -DuQuoin native's EIU connection inspires a future in mathematics education

**9/23/2026** -Eastern Illinois University earns high marks in multiple national rankings
-EIU Alumni Association to honor nine alumni for service, leadership and lasting impact
-EIU, community partner events: September 27 through October 4, 2026

**9/28/2026** -Lights, Camera, Panthers! *(A Homecoming Save-the-Date Announcement and Reminder)*

**9/30/2026** -EIU, community partner events: October 1 through October 11, 2026

**10/05/2026** -EIU's Career Week sets students up for professional success

**10/06/2026** -WEIU TV and Radio Earn Six Illinois Broadcasters Association Student Silver Dome Awards; Seven Others Are Finalists

**10/07/2026** -EIU, community partner events: October 8 through October 18, 2026

**10/12/2026** -EIU Outcomes: From student worker to Statewide leader
-EIU students bring energy, service, creativity to Charleston, Coles County
-EIU to acknowledge scholarship recipients, applaud donors at annual recognition event

**10/13/2026** -EIU, community partner events: October 15 through October 25, 2026

**10/21/2026** -EIU, community partner events: October 22 through November 1, 2026
-EIU's online RN to BSN program ranked most affordable in Illinois
-EIU to host variety of Halloween events for community in October, November

**Information Item I. University Highlights (SUMMARY)**

***Prepared in advance of EIU's November 12, 2026 BOT meeting***

**10/28/2026** -Troy, Illinois, student finds her future in writing at Eastern Illinois University

-EIU to convene regional education leaders to strengthen Illinois teacher pipeline

-EIU, community partner events: October 29 through November 8, 2026

**Beginning June 2026, EIU began issuing a combined "EIU/Community" release detailing the upcoming week's events.*
**All of EIU releases in this time frame are not represented on the above list but are available for viewing at eiu.edu/media.*

**Information Item I. University Highlights Cont.**

**Snapshot of Positive Media Coverage (SUMMARY)**

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**From August 27 through October 29, 2026**
A sample summary of positive or impactful news headlines* gathered from an online tool (headlines from within the above-stated date range):

- **September 9 – Student success, increased regional demand highlight EIU fall 2026 enrollment (Various)**
  Eastern Illinois University's fall enrollment report highlighted academic strength among incoming students, improved first-year retention and increased regional demand. Approximately one in five first-year students entered with a perfect 4.0 GPA, while enrollment from within 60 miles of campus increased 8 percent.
- **September 14 – EIU's Olivia Bennett Earns Walter Cronkite Scholarship (Various)**
  EIU student Olivia Bennett earned a Walter Cronkite Scholarship, recognizing student achievement in journalism and supporting her continued professional development.
- **September 21 – Student entrepreneurs to showcase businesses at EIU Small Business Fest October 10 (Various)**
  EIU announced a Small Business Fest featuring more than 60 vendors, including student-run businesses, highlighting student entrepreneurship and the University's connections with the regional business community.
- **September 22 – DuQuoin native's EIU connection inspires a future in mathematics education (Various)**
  Isabele Jones, a DuQuoin High School senior, plans to attend EIU in Fall 2027 to study mathematics through the Honors College and pursue teacher licensure. Her decision continues a family connection to the University and reflects EIU's role in preparing future educators.
- **September 23 – Eastern Illinois University earns high marks in multiple national rankings (Various)**
  EIU received recognition in national rankings focused on educational quality and affordability, including TIME/Statista's America's Best Colleges and U.S. News & World Report. The recognition highlighted the University's value and academic offerings.
- **October 5 – EIU's Career Week sets students up for professional success (Various)**
  EIU launched a week of career preparation activities alongside the opening of its Career Services Life Design Studio. The initiative emphasizes practical support for students as they prepare for internships, employment and career opportunities.
- **October 6 – WEIU TV and Radio Earn Six Illinois Broadcasters Association Student Silver Dome Awards; Seven Others Are Finalists (Various)**
  WEIU Television and Radio earned six Student Silver Dome Awards, with seven additional entries named finalists by the Illinois Broadcasters Association. The recognition highlights the quality of student work in television, radio, news, sports and weather.
- **October 12 – EIU students bring energy, service, creativity to Charleston, Coles County (Various)**
  EIU students contribute to the surrounding community through volunteer projects, nonprofit involvement, mentoring and participation in local events. The coverage emphasizes the connections students build with Charleston and the broader region beyond their academic work.
- **October 12 – EIU Outcomes: From student worker to Statewide leader (Various)**
  The feature highlighted how an EIU student employment experience helped prepare a graduate for leadership and professional opportunities across Illinois, illustrating the potential long-term impact of hands-on campus experience.
- **October 12 – EIU to acknowledge scholarship recipients, applaud donors at annual recognition event (Various)**
  EIU announced its annual recognition of scholarship supporters and recipients, including the 2026 Outstanding Philanthropist honorees. The event highlighted the relationships among donors, students and alumni that help sustain educational opportunities.
- **October 21 – EIU's online RN to BSN program ranked most affordable in Illinois (Various)**
  EIU's online RN-to-BSN program received recognition as the most affordable in Illinois. The program offers a fully online pathway for registered nurses seeking to complete a bachelor's degree, with in-state tuition available to U.S. residents.
- **October 28 – Troy, Illinois, student finds her future in writing at Eastern Illinois University (Effingham County Chamber)**
  Anna Grace Parks, a senior at Maryville Christian High School, plans to attend EIU in Fall 2027 to study professional writing. Her interest in creative writing and publishing, combined with a positive campus visit, helped make EIU her first choice.

**Information Item I. University Highlights Cont.**

**Snapshot of Positive Media Coverage (SUMMARY)**

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- **October 28 – EIU to convene regional education leaders to strengthen Illinois teacher pipeline (Various)** EIU announced a regional meeting through its Grow Your Own Teachers-Illinois program to bring together school district administrators, community college leaders and community organizations. The initiative builds on EIU's historic mission as a teacher-preparation institution and supports efforts to recruit and prepare educators for Illinois schools.

**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: EIU is achieving additional targeted regional/hometown placements for individual student-specific achievements that will not always appear on this list due to space limitations.*

J. Other Matters

## VI. Adjournment