



**Graduate Leaders
Fall Summit
Agenda**

**September 3, 2013
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
1895 Room**

Summit Opening	Student Dean of the Graduate School President Perry Provost Lord
Initiatives	Fall 2013-2014 Graduate Initiatives Dean Augustine Assistant Dean Elliott Ms. Henderson, IGS Institute Director Dr. Linda Simpson, LIFE Center Director Dean Augustine will provide a brief summary of Fall enrollments following by a briefing on 2013-2014 Graduate School initiatives. Initiatives include recognition of First Choice achievements by Mr. Bill Elliott, Assistant Dean, brief update on the Integrative Graduate Studies Institute from Director Lori Henderson, launch of the Literacy in Financial Education (LIFE) Center from Dr. Linda Simpson, and a brief overview of the new Student Commencement Speaker Program. In depth workshops will be available in the coming year to support these initiatives. Information will be provided during the Fall Summit and at the Graduate School web site.
On-Line Initiatives	On-Line Master of Science Cohort in Communication Disorders & Sciences: A Model of Access for Eastern Illinois University Dr. Gail Richard, Chair Dr. Rebecca Throneburg, Graduate Coordinator Dr. John Henderson, Center for Academic Technology Support Ms. Kathy Reed, Information Technology Services On February 8, 2011, the Council on Graduate Studies approved CGS 11-04 the Master of Science Online Cohort Program in Communication Disorders & Sciences. The focus of this degree program was to provide access to a graduate degree in CDS for place-bound students in order to meet the demand for licensed/certified speech-language pathologists in our region and state. The Council asked that the Graduate School provide a follow-up presentation on the success of this model and share the potential for adapting this CGS approved approach to other graduate programs as a tool for meeting Eastern's mission of providing superior and accessible graduate education. The department launched the program in the Summer of 2011. Program leaders will demonstrate how the program has successfully attracted quality graduate candidates in our region who would not be able to access graduate education using a traditional campus model. The demonstration will amplify how quality is maintained, how student work is verified, and how valuable this form of access has been to the 15 graduate candidates who are currently enrolled. Eastern has a long and successful history of offering access to graduate education by transporting faculty to distant sites or requiring candidates to travel to campus evenings and weekends to complete a course of study;

however, the Online Cohort Model launched by CDS offers new opportunities to attract quality candidates in our region, state, and surrounding states who seek access.

**On-Line
Dialogue**

Increasing Access through On-Line Cohorts

During this part of the Summit, Deans of the Colleges will meet with their Chairs and Graduate Coordinators to discuss which graduate programs have the best potential for creating better access for graduate candidates in our region, state, or adjoining states who seek EIU's quality graduate education options. Many candidates selected EIU through traditional cohorts, but now seek an opportunity using advanced technologies. At the end of the discussion, each college will provide a summary of the potential for adapting this model to the larger group and will identify representatives who would serve on the Graduate School On-line Board to further advance access via an on-line option.

7:00 p.m.

Networking Dinner