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## **Boys State Recognizes Eastern Faculty**

**Willimantic, CT** – Two Eastern Connecticut State University faculty members were recognized during the final session of the Boys State program hosted for the eighteenth consecutive year at Eastern.

Edith Longhenry, program coordinator in the Universities Office of Professional Development, and Victoria Lorenzen, university assistant, received certificates of appreciation for their dedication and assistance to Boys State. The Boys State program also recognized the School of Continuing Education with a certificate of appreciation.

Longhenry has been working with the Boys State program since 1995. “It was an emotional moment for me,” she said. “I was very honored to receive a certificate of recognition from them.” Victoria Lorenzen agrees.

“This is my first exposure working with this group,” said Lorenzen. “I was very impressed not only by the young men that attend Boys State, but also by the directors and their counselors.”

Joseph Tarrant Jr., chairman of the American Legion Boys State Commission, praised Eastern for hosting Boys State over the past eighteen years. “Eastern makes the summer program a very positive experience for young people who cannot help but return to

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their communities with a desire to make a positive contribution,” said Tarrant.

Boys State officials recently signed a new five-year contract to keep the program at Eastern.

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Eastern Connecticut State University is part of the Connecticut State University (CSU) system and is the state’s public liberal arts university. ECSU serves more than 5,000 students each year on its Willimantic campus.