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E-learning Awards Presented By Regents

PIERRE, S.D. – Faculty members from South Dakota’s public university system have been recognized by the South Dakota Board of Regents for their outstanding work using technology to deliver high-quality instruction.

To be eligible for an award, a university course must have been completed during the 2004 calendar year and show strong promise of enhancing student learning, or advancing efforts to effectively design, develop, deliver, and/or assess information technology enriched learning environments.

Joseph Wehrman of **Northern State University** was chosen “best overall” in the Faculty Recognition Awards for Excellence in E-Learning. His counselor education course, Individual Appraisal, also won in the Digital Dakota Network (DDN) category.

Sally Palmer of **South Dakota School of Mines and Technology** received the top award in the Internet-only category for her course, Introduction to Humanities.

Gary Aguiar’s American government course at **South Dakota State University** was awarded the best in the category of Internet-supported courses.

Richard Christoph, Tom Farrell, Tom Halverson, Wayne Pauli, Josh Pauli, and Lynette Molstad-Gorder, all of **Dakota State University**, collaborated to take the category in support of large-section courses. The course was Introduction to Computers.

Winners in each e-learning category received a \$1,000 cash award. The best overall winner received an additional \$1,500 award.

“The use of technology has become essential in the teaching and delivery of courses at our universities,” said Lesta Turchen, the regents’ chief academic officer. “The e-Learning awards recognize instructors who are demonstrating the positive impact technology has on university coursework. Their efforts improve the delivery and promotion of education.”