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Regents Recognize SDSU Student Groups

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – Student organizations from South Dakota State University received awards for excellence Friday at the South Dakota Board of Regents’ regular meeting.

The student groups receiving recognition are:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The Tau Chapter of Rho Chi Honor Society promotes scholarship and achievement in the pharmaceutical sciences. Membership is open to students in the top 20 percent of their class who have completed at least six semesters of study toward a professional pharmacy degree. Among their projects, society members offer free tutoring services, organize student research presentations, and contribute to the SDSU Habitat for Humanity projects.
- **Community Service Award** – The Epsilon Eta Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta focuses on community service projects associated with the national theme of “Choose Children.” The women’s fraternity is involved in an annual Halloween carnival, Easter egg hunt, March of Dimes, Children’s Miracle Network, Ronald McDonald House, and other projects. The chapter promoted a community-wide teddy bear drive for Brookings Child Protection Services that resulted in 25 large garbage bags full of new and gently-used stuffed toys.
- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – FarmHouse Fraternity members sharpen their leadership skills through weekly formal business meetings, semester retreats, new member recruitment, and leadership academies. The 36 FarmHouse members also supplement their chapter activities by participating in more than 33 organizations on and off campus. Their off-campus activities include tutoring elementary students and participating in the Harvest Table project.