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Regents Recognize NSU Student Groups

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Student-led organizations at Northern State University were recognized by the South Dakota Board of Regents Friday for academic excellence, community service, and leadership.

NSU Dean of Students Rhoda Smith presented the organizations to the board. “These groups work hard to better themselves and their community. They demonstrate the best of NSU,” said Smith.

The NSU campus groups receiving regents’ recognition are:

- **Award for Academic Excellence-** M.E.N.C. (Music Educators National Conference) is a NSU organization that provides support to and works to improve the academic environment for future music educators. The group conducts fundraising recitals and dinners to create academic scholarships. They also provide professional development activities through music contests and conferences and have developed the Returning Graduate Guest Speaker program.
- **Community Service Award** – The NSU Science Club dedicates itself to community service. The organization teamed with Habitat for Humanity to provide landscaping for a home that was built for a family in need. Demonstrating the group’s commitment to serving its community, an annual blood drive held by the club brought more donors than any other blood drive in the Aberdeen area.
- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – Although the NSU Lions Club is a relatively new organization at NSU, it has been very active in leadership since the club’s inception less than a year ago. The group organized a Charter Night that was attended by 75 members throughout the state. A leadership training session will be held on the NSU campus by the organization for the various Lions Clubs in the region. Several past district governors will serve as speakers for the event.