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## Regents Recognize BHSU Student Organizations

SPEARFISH, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents recognized three student organizations from Black Hills State University for their outstanding academic, community, and organizational work.

BHSU student groups receiving the special regents' awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The **Art Club** creates a community of artists and people who appreciate art to benefit the greater Spearfish community through visual arts and benevolent projects. The club's goal is to contribute to the quality of student life and the academic community through collaborative efforts involving student leaders, student organizations, and community groups.



Front row: BHSU President Tom Jackson, Jr.; Amanda Voisin; Ethan Engel; Anna Burbank; Back row: Art Professor Desy Schoenewies; Matthew Harnden; BHSU Student Senate President Lucas Fralick; BOR Executive Director Mike Rush; BOR President Randy Schaefer.

- **Community Service Award** – The **University Programming Team** plans large events for the BHSU campus and surrounding community. Student volunteers help to plan and host a variety of events, including lectures, musical and cultural events, dances, and large-scale themed activities. Some events involve the larger community, such as

Spearfish Clean-Up and Make a Difference Day. A new program, Dancing with the Staff, helped raise donations for the Ranchers Relief Fund, which was set up after the devastating Winter Storm Atlas in 2013.



Front row: Janice Gbedemah; Shandell Clutter; Bailey Sadowsky; BOR President Randy Schaefer; Back row: BHSU President Tom Jackson, Jr.; Erica Whitiker; Jessie Gramm; Bryan Shurigar; BHSU Student Senate President Lucas Fralick; BOR Executive Director Mike Rush

- **Award for Organizational Leadership – The International Student Organization** serves as a cultural exchange to establish closer links between international and domestic students at BHSU. Activities include opportunities to learn new languages, try new foods, and study abroad. The group encourages an exchange of cultural knowledge between students and community members, as well as the opportunity to create new friendships with students from all over the world.



Front Row: Sumire Matsumoto; Carissa Hauck; Alysha Weiler; Karin Humar; Kie Tatsukawa; Jongmin Kim; BHSU President Tom Jackson, Jr.; Back row: BOR Executive Director Mike Rush; Yeji Cho; Dr. Katie Wildman, BHSU Director of International Studies; Nolan Schneider, Advisor; Byungjoo Shin; Janica Afi Gbedemah; Shengxiong Wang; BHSU Student Senate President Lucas Fralick, BOR President Randy Schaefer.