



# News Release

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## **Dakota State Students Earn Recognition**

MADISON, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents recognized Dakota State University student organizations for excellence at the board’s regular meeting on the Madison campus.

“Participation in student club activities is a vital part of the academic experience students receive at Dakota State University,” said Steven W. Shirley, dean of student affairs. “In striving to create an environment that fosters active learning and student engagement, one of the most important ways students can get involved and take advantage of their curricular experience is to participate in a club or organization. We are extremely proud of these clubs for their outstanding work above and beyond that which they experience in the classroom.”

The DSU campus groups earning regents’ recognition are:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – Phi Beta Lambda focuses on conferences, workshops, and service projects to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship. By attending state and national leadership conferences on business-related topics, students apply what they have learned from their academic program.
- **Community Service Award** – The South Dakota Education Association’s Student Program gives future educators an opportunity to work with children and be active in the community. Members go into local classrooms to read to children, interact with students, and observe classroom instruction. Read Across America and after-school programs are among the many projects organized by the group.
- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – The Health Information Management Club offers professional development and social interaction to students interested in the health information management field. The club is focused on service to the campus and community, organizing a campus blood drive, Angel Tree Christmas project, highway cleanup, and two health fairs.