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Students Honored at Northern State University

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Three student organizations at Northern State University were recognized for excellence by the South Dakota Board of Regents during the board’s meeting on the Aberdeen campus.

“These awards recognize not only academic achievements, but community service and leadership as well, all of which are part of a quality, well-rounded collegiate experience,” said Regents President Harvey C. Jewett.

The NSU student groups honored were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence**—The Music Educators National Conference (MENC) Chapter 506 created a band and choral workshop this year that involved local youth from First Baptist Church, Aberdeen Head Start, and Aberdeen Central High School. The chapter stresses new learning opportunities that also give members skills in leadership and service. The group’s scholarship fund provides a variety of academic opportunities for members throughout the year.
- **Award for Community Service**—Service is the trademark and mission of the NSU Lions Club. The group is involved in both campus and community activities, including mobile blood screening, track meets at the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, highway beautification projects, and a “Dash for Diabetes.” The Northern State University club also helped students at Minot State University form a charter at their institution.
- **Award for Organizational Leadership**—The Campus Activities Board has more than doubled its membership and increased attendance at sponsored events by 178 percent. As of late February, more than 3,000 students had attended programs put on by the activities board. The group sponsors a series called Thunder Thursday, featuring programs and entertainment each Thursday night at the NSU Student Center.

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Photos of award winners: The organization leaders are pictured with Regents President Harvey C. Jewett.



Music Educators National Conference Chapter 506



NSU Lions Club



Campus Activities Board