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## **University Faculty Recognized for Excellence in Distance Instruction**

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Four faculty members and a staff support professional from South Dakota’s public university system have earned recognition from the South Dakota Board for Regents for delivering quality instruction by distance.

To be eligible for the Board of Regents’ Recognition Awards for E-Learning, the university course must have been completed in the 2006 calendar year and be delivered by interactive video or the Internet. “Students today demand flexibility in program structure to meet their educational needs,” said Sam Gingerich, the regents’ chief academic officer. “These awards showcase some of our system’s best instructors and staff, who have deployed technology effectively in the design of quality learning experiences.”

The winners of the e-learning awards are:

- **Teresa Seefeldt** of **South Dakota State University**, who earned the “best overall” award for her Medications and Wellness (PHA 201) course.
- **Karen Card** of **The University of South Dakota** for a Principles of Postsecondary Education (AHED 720) course.
- **Jill Schoen** for a course in Psychopathology and Diagnosis (CGPS 737) at **Northern State University**.
- **Rajeev Bukralia** of **Black Hills State University** for the course he teaches in Library Media & Technology (ED 431/531).

The first-ever Staff Recognition Award was presented to **Haomin Wang** of **Dakota State University**. Wang is manager of instructional technology for E-Education Services at DSU and an associate professor of instructional technology at the Madison campus.

Each faculty award winner receives a \$1,000 cash award, and Seefeldt as the best overall winner received an additional \$1,000 award. Wang received a \$500 cash award. The five award winners were recognized by the regents at their regular business meeting this week in Aberdeen.



**Jill Schoen**



**Teresa Seefeldt**

Award winners Karen Card, Rajeev Bukralia, and Haomin Wang were unable to attend the awards presentation in Aberdeen.