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NSU Student Groups Recognized

ABERDEEN, S.D. - The South Dakota Board of Regents, meeting today at Northern State University, gave awards to three student organizations from NSU.

The NSU student groups receiving awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – Kappa Mu Epsilon is a national mathematics honor society. There are currently 140 or more KME chapters in 34 states. Members take part in several activities that promote academic excellence on campus and in the community, while maintaining their own high grade point average. KME, advised by Dr. Raj Markanda and led by students Renee Zomers and Brandi Johnson, sponsored a math review session for high school students to study for their ACT exams. The group also sponsored a math contest in which 60 area schools participated. Members also provide tutorial services for NSU students and at the NSU Math and Writing Center.
- **Community Service Award** – The Volunteer Service Clearinghouse coordinates a variety of campus and community events each year. Their most popular programs include the adopt-a-grandparent program, Kids Voting, and a summer painting project. Members of the group also participated in the Alternative Spring Break program where students spend their spring break helping others across the country by volunteering for various organizations including: domestic violence shelters, Habitat for Humanity, national park restoration projects, and continued Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Deb Walker advises the Volunteer Service Clearinghouse. The student leaders are Jordan Palmer, Maggie McGuire, and Jamie Fiegen.
- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – MENC (Music Educators National Conference) is a NSU organization that provides support to future music educators and works to improve their academic environment. Members provide leadership to the campus and surrounding high schools. The group created a competition for young artists, organized a guest speaker program, awarded scholarships, and increased membership through marketing and updates to its website. MENC student leaders are Darcy Brandenburg, Deanna Pederson, Lauren Kessler, Heide Olson, and Jodi Sunderland. The advisor is Dr. John Lockwood.



Kappa Mu Epsilon



Volunteer Service Clearinghouse



MENC (Music Educators National Conference)