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Regents Honor SDSU Student Groups

BROOKINGS, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents recognized outstanding student groups from South Dakota State University at its meeting this week.

Student organization award winners from SDSU were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence – Sigma Phi Epsilon** promotes academic excellence by its members in a variety of ways. A Faculty Fellow works with the chapter to ensure that academic goals are being met, and serves as a link between chapter members and the university faculty. A standards board also assists members who do not meet the chapter's minimum GPA requirement, and those students are offered academic support programs. The chapter's housing facility provides a fully furnished, 24-hour a day study area. The group's Balanced Man program offers all members continuing education programs which expand their cultural and academic horizons beyond the classroom.
- **Community Service Award – American Humanics** prepares student leaders for careers with non-profit organizations. Created in 2004, the Brookings campus chapter has participated in many community service projects. The group has volunteered for an Earth Day project, helped March of Dimes with its annual WalkAmerica event, worked with Downtown Brookings Inc. to plan the Harvest Festival, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, served at the Harvest Table, and helped the local United Way with a kickoff campaign. Two of its members also serve on the local American Red Cross board of directors.
- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – Organizational leadership is a focus for **Delta Chi** members both on and off campus. Members are actively involved in the Students' Association, Student Federation, Residence Hall Association, and other student organizations, as well as with the local convention and visitors' bureau, the city of Brookings, and the military. In the past year, Delta Chi started the Sir Edward Coke Leadership Society, which emphasizes professional leadership development. Speakers have been invited to talk to the group about leadership. The members also have hosted two international nights to promote world cultures and international travel.



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